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Barometer 30.05

March 3, 1915. Temperature 6 a.m. 63, 2 p.m. 67
Humidity 65, 69

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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

INTERCEPTING GERMANY'S SUPPLIES.

ANOTHER NOTE FROM THE UNITED STATES.

Good Work by British Troops.

CANADIAN REGIMENT CAPTURES A TRENCH.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

Another American Note.

March 2, 6.25 p.m.

Reuter's Washington correspondent states that the United States is sending a Note to Britain and France, asking what means are to be taken to carry out the policy of intercepting supplies to and from Germany.

President Wilson has informed callers that the Anglo-French Note outlined the policy in general terms, but did not define the means of carrying it into effect.

Allies Continue to Progress.

March 2, 5.25 p.m.

A Paris communique states:—
The Germans attacked south-eastward of Saint Eloi and were repulsed by the British.

The enemy again bombarded Rheims with fifty shells.
Our progress between Perthes and Beausjour has been continued all day long, despite a storm, notably north-westward of Perthes. We hold, north-eastward of Meunil and northward of Beausjour, the chief points along our attacking front.

Heavy German Losses.

It is confirmed that elements of the Guards who delivered a counter-attack on Sunday night sustained very heavy losses.

We progressed and held ground captured in the region of Vauquois, despite two counter attacks, and made some prisoners.

We captured trenches and gained three hundred metres of ground at La Chapelle.

Enemy Sticks to Trenches.

March 2, 5.25 p.m.

Field Marshal Sir John French, in the course of a bulletin, states that German activity in the region of Ypres has been checked. The patrols during the last three nights have been active and have discovered the enemy, who has not ventured to leave his trenches.

Canadians Capture a Trench.

The Germans yesterday attacked, after heavily bombarding a portion of our lines, but were successfully repulsed. Princess Patricia's Infantry captured a trench with great dash, killing or driving out the Germans. Our losses were trifling.

We steadily gained ground at La Bassée and obtained complete mastery over the enemy's snipers, in consequence of which our casualties are greatly reduced.

Our artillery has increased its ascendancy over the German batteries.

America and the Allies.

March 2, 2.45 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at New York states that while no official announcement concerning British reprisals against Germany has been made, a statement from Washington, sent to the Press, says the impression is general in official circles that a strong protest will be made against the action of the Allies, which is regarded as unprecedented and likely to work injury to the commerce of the United States with countries with which the United States is at peace.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

French Reports.

(Official Telegram from the French Government, via Reuter.)

March 2.

On the 28th, near Albert, a German attack was stopped dead by our fire. The Germans threw 200 shells over the front.

In Champagne, progress was marked along the whole front. Fighting prevailed north of Perthes, where we enlarged our positions in occupying new trenches and gaining ground between Perthes and Baucourt, where our gains made yesterday represent more than 2,000 metres of trenches. The enemy in one single trench abandoned 200 killed and a machine gun.

In Argonne, we carried, west of Bourville, more than 300 metres of trenches. A brilliant attack by the French infantry at Vauquois enabled us to reach the edge of the plateau where a village is situated. In the Vosges a lively German attack was repulsed.

(Havas Telegram.)

March 3.

French Government Stock now stands at Fr. 69.85.

Several points d'appui successively gained in Champagne are now forming a ceaseless line two kilometres long north and north-west of Perthes. We progressed in all the woods situated between Perthes and Baucourt. Yesterday the gains north and north-west of Baucourt were more than two kilometres of trenches. We assumed a fruitful offensive in Argonne, giving very good results.

General Pau has arrived at Petrograd, where he met with a very enthusiastic reception.

The Russians are progressing in Prasnysz and the western regions of Galicia, where they totally defeated the Austrians.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

Rain and Snow Impede Operations.

March 2.

Last evening's communique reports that rain and snow-storms have again impeded the operations.

We repulsed a strong counter-attack north of Meunil, in the Champagne region, where we maintained our gains and made fresh progress.

We also captured a blockhouse at Bri-le-Pretre, near Fontaine-Oreillon, and repulsed a strong attack on Sunday night at Sulzerin, north-west of Munster.

Gale Delays Dardanelles Bombardment.

March 1, 10.20 p.m.

It is officially announced that the operations at the Dardanelles have again been delayed by a strong north-easterly gale, and by rain and mist, which would render long range fire and aeroplanes observations difficult.

Russians' Great Victory.

March 2, 5.35 a.m.

A Petrograd communique says:—
We concluded on the 23rd February the operations around Prasnysz, defeating not less than two German army corps, which were driven back to the frontier.

The Russians on Sunday morning began the pursuit of the Germans defeated at Prasnysz.

Ten thousand prisoners have already been taken, besides rich booty.

The Germans on the sectors adjacent to Prasnysz are retiring in consequence of the Russian victory and their attitude is now passive.

Their only activity is the bombardment of the fortress of Osowices, in which one of their forty-two centimetre howitzers is participating, but unsuccessfully, the Russian concrete being very solid.

The Austrians in the Carpathians have suffered enormous losses in an unsuccessful attack in massed formation near Lipkow.

The Russian army operating in the Caucasus has occupied Port Khopa, which is a Turkish military base.

The Allies' Notes to America.

March 2, 5.35 a.m.

A message from Washington states that the British and French ambassadors have presented Notes to Secretary of State Bryan with reference to the blockade of Germany.

Turks Arrest Italian Steamship Agent.

March 2, 5.35 a.m.

A despatch from Rome states that the Turks at Jeddah have arrested an Italian steamship agent and seized the mails which he was taking to the Italian Consul there.

The Italian Government has made vigorous representations to the Porte.

LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

Germans add American Passports.

March 2, 5.35 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at New York wires that a Federal grand jury which has been engaged on an investigation of violations of United States Customs laws in the furnishing of supplies to the German cruisers on the Atlantic, has returned indictments against the Hamburg-Amerika Line and six men of being connected with the shipments and a conspiracy to defraud the American Government by means of false papers.

Dacia Seized by the French.

March 2, 5.35 a.m.

According to advices from Brest, the ex-Hamburg-Amerika liner Dacia has arrived and has been formally seized by the French Government.

The French flag has been hoisted on the vessel and the crew of Americans will be repatriated.

Britain's Retaliatory Measures.

[The following is the continuation of the report of Mr. Asquith's speech received after we went to press yesterday:—]

Mr. Asquith then read a statement regarding German submarine piracy. He said the laws and customs of nations regarding attacks on commerce always presumed that the first duty of the captor of a merchantman is to bring it before the Prize Courts, where the case may be tried, where the regularities of capture may be challenged and where neutrals may recover their cargo. Sinking of prizes is in itself a questionable act, to be resorted to only in extraordinary circumstances and after provision has been made for the safety of all the crews and passengers.

The responsibility of discriminating between neutral and enemy vessels and between neutral and enemy cargoes obviously rests upon the vessel attacking a ship, whose duty is to verify the status of the vessel and cargo and to preserve all papers before sinking or capturing the ship. So also is the humane duty to provide for the safety of the crews of merchantmen, whether neutral or enemy, an obligation on every belligerent. It is upon this basis that all previous discussions on the law regulating warfare have proceeded.

The German submarine in its none of these obligations. Her methods of warfare are entirely outside the scope of international instruments regulating operations against commerce in time of war. The German declaration substitutes indiscriminate destruction for regulated capture (cheers). Germany had adopted this method against peaceful traders and non-combatant crews with the avowed object of preventing commodities of all kinds, including food for the civilian population, from reaching or leaving the British Isles or northern France. Her opponents therefore are driven to frame retaliatory measures (cheers) in order to prevent commodities of any kind (loud cheers) reaching or leaving Germany (renewed cheers).

German Suggestion Untrue.

These measures, however, would be enforced by the French and British Governments without risk to neutral ships or neutral or non-combatant lives and in strict observance of the dictates of humanity (cheers). The British and French Governments will therefore hold themselves free to detain and take into port ships carrying goods of presumed enemy destination, ownership or origin. It is not intended to confiscate such vessels or cargoes unless they would otherwise be liable to confiscation. Vessels with cargoes which sailed before this date were not affected. That is our reply (loud cheers).

I may say that the suggestion which I see put forward from German quarters that we rejected certain proposals or suggestions made to Great Britain and Germany by the United States is untrue. All we have stated to the United States so far is that we have taken them into careful consideration in consultation with our Allies.

Mr. Asquith concluded that we should not relax our efforts until we had achieved all our aims. To achieve them we must draw on our resources, both material and spiritual. The appeal on the material was before the house; the appeal to the spiritual side was to the ancient inbred qualities of our race, which had never failed us in time of stress, namely, self-sacrifice, self-mastery, patience, tenacity, willingness, bearing one another's burdens, unity which springs from a dominating sense of a common duty, a never-failing faith and an irrevocable resolve. (prolonged cheers)

The votes of credit were unanimously adopted.

Our New Armies.

March 1, 9.25 p.m.

Mr. Asquith, referring to the hour for an irresistible decisive advance, added:—

"Our own Dominions and our great dependency of India have sent us a splendid contribution of men, a large number of whom are already at the front. Very soon the whole of them will be in the fighting line in one of the actual theatres of war."

We hear to-day, with great gratification, that Princess Patricia's Regiment has been doing, during the last few days, the most gallant and efficient work (cheers).

The Territorial Divisions of the Army are now fully trained and are capable of confronting any troops in the world, and the New Army, which has lately been under the critical scrutiny of skilled observers, is fast realising all our most sanguine hopes (loud cheers). We have no reason to be other than satisfied with the progress of recruiting.

Opposition Supports Government.

Mr. Bonar Law heartily concurred with Mr. Asquith. He affirmed that the Government had the full support of the House and the whole country in the policy it was pursuing.

Mr. Bonar Law spoke with admiration of the bombardment of the Dardanelles and of the gallantry of the Allied troops in Flanders and France, and emphasised that Great Britain should show Germany that we intended to use every weapon at our disposal to bring this horrible war to an end.

TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

The remainder of Mr. Asquith's speech is given to-day.

The death is announced of Mr. Frank Bullen, the well-known author.

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NEWS.

The rainfall for last month is given to-day.

Donations to the Belgian Relief Fund are acknowledged to-day.

Further Notes on the Crisis appear on page 4.

Interesting news from our Canton correspondent appears to-day.

General news and an article headed "About Aircraft" appear on page 3.

Some interesting matter concerning Hongkong football is given to-day.

The concluding instalment of the article on "Old Hongkong" is given to-day.

"Our Contemporaries" appears on page 2, Commercial News on page 9 and Log Book on page 6.

The report of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society is given to-day.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijon Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
The Quaints, Theatre Royal—9.15 p.m.

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Hongkong Horticultural Society's Annual Show—Botanic Gardens.

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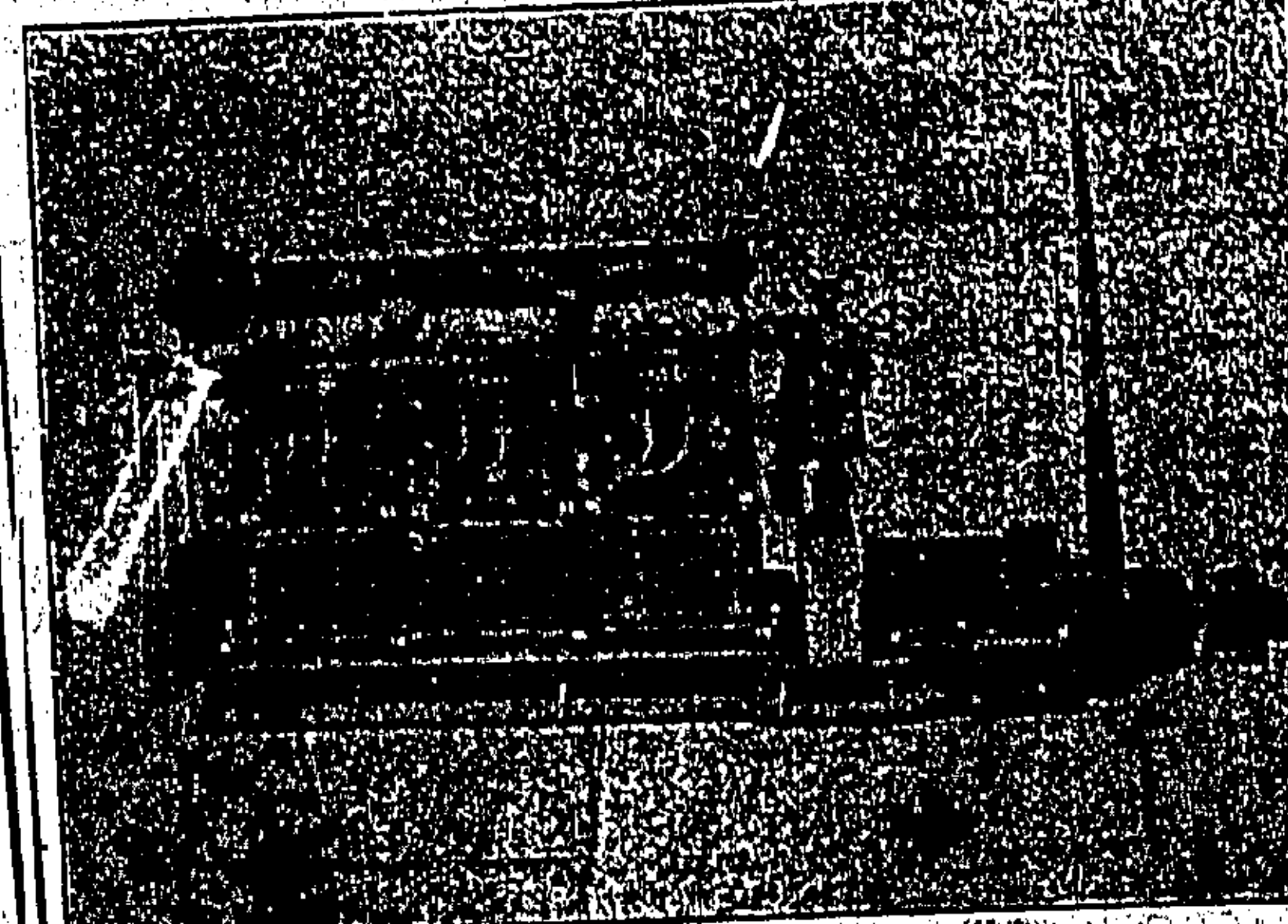
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OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

South China Morning Post

English in the Schools.
Every member of it begins with a knowledge of his own language which, in every respect, from alphabet upwards, is so wholly different that it helps in no direction and hinders in dozens. He comes to the foreign language unwillingly; he lapses into his own at every opportunity. The wonder, it seems to us, is not that the majority of students write rickety English, but that a few write it with a fair amount of fluency and accuracy. To say all this, of course, is not to defend the system of handing out, say, Oxford Local certificates to students whose English is not up to standard. But the charge there lies at the door of the examining bodies and not of the teachers. The latter, from what we can see, are doing better work than is generally acknowledged and it is only fair that their work should for once in a way be fairly valued rather than unfairly criticised.

Daily Press.

Japan and Shantung.
According to a Chinese telegram, among the first fruits of the Japanese negotiations with China which have followed upon the reduction of the fortress of Tientsin, and the military occupation of the territory by the Japanese, is the decision of the Chinese Government to make Lungkow a treaty port. The bald announcement in the telegram seems to us strange, because Lungkow was one of seven northern ports voluntarily opened to foreign trade by the Chinese Government just a little more than twelve months ago. Six of the ports thus opened are in Inner Mongolia—Lungkow, in Shantung, making the seventh. At the time it was generally understood that this step had been taken to counteract Japanese political ambitions, though officially, of course, the reason for opening the ports was stated to be the Government's wish to see the trade of the country developed. These places were then described as "trade marts"; places voluntarily opened to international trade. In such places the control remains in the hands of the Chinese. Presumably, the meaning of the latest announcement is that Lungkow has now been put precisely on the same footing as Chefoo, Newchwang or any other of the best known international trading centres—i.e., Treaty ports—of China.

China Mail.

Safety of Life at Sea.
Concessions in respect of life saving appliances were only allowed upon compliance with the recommendations made; and, although the number of applications for concessions was small, the report "exercised" as it is in the report of Sir Archibald Denny's Committee, "a beneficial influence on subdivision generally, not only in calling the attention of the owners to the desirability of methodical subdivision, but also in furnishing a means whereby, within the limits of accuracy of the methods devised by the Committee, any proposed scheme of transverse subdivision could be readily tested and the necessary adjustments made." It is quite clear that the designers of ocean-going steamers are working on the right lines and that though some of them may have reluctantly abandoned the cherished idea of building an "unsinkable ship," they are doing all that is humanly possible towards minimising sea-disaster. At no time in the history of the world was travelling by sea so luxurious or pleasant as now, nor at any time was there less risk to passengers.

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GENERAL NEWS

Philippine Defence Board.
Washington, February 28.—The defence boards for Cape Henry, Long Island, Panama and the Philippines have been abolished. A general board has been substituted.

Honour for Shanghai Harbour Master.

Many friends will hear with pleasure, says the N. C. Daily News of February 24, that His Majesty the King of Sweden has conferred upon Captain W. A. Carlsson, Harbour Master in Shanghai, the Order of the Wasa, 1st class, in recognition of his long years of meritorious service in China. The Order was formally presented to Captain Carlsson yesterday evening at the Swedish Consulate, by Dr. J. E. Hultman, Consul-General, in the presence of members of the Swedish community.

The Bible an Interesting Book.

An amusing account comes from America of a meeting between Mr. Irving Bacheller, the American novelist, and a Western mountaineer. "Obey," said the latter, "I know Mr. Bacheller. I was locked up in my cabin with the snow two winters ago, and had only two books to read for five months—your book, Mr. Bacheller, and the Bible, and read them often." "Indeed," said Mr. Bacheller, "Yes, sir," continued the old mountaineer, "and I never knew before how interesting the Bible was."

Chinking-Huancheng Railway.

The China Times states that a Railway between Chinking (Kiangsu) and Huancheng (Anhui) extending 400 Chinese miles has been contemplated since 1912, and expenses were to be borne by Chen Mei-sun and other promoters. It has now been decided to make this line a branch of the Nanking-Changsha line by the Ministry of Communications, with a loan of \$10,000,000 and a British syndicate has signed the contract for the same. The line will commence from Chinking, pass through Chintau, Liyang, Chienping to Huancheng. It will be a branch to the Shanghai-Nanking Railway in Kiangsu and that to the Nanking-Changsha Railway in Anhui, etc.

False Pretences.

The case brought by the Shanghai Municipal Council (Electricity Department), against a former employee for attempting to extort money by virtue of his office as a meter examiner, was concluded at the Mixed Court last week. Mr. K. E. Newman prosecuted on behalf of the Police, and Mr. Hayes, who formerly defended the accused, said he no longer represented him. The man would, however, make a statement which would no doubt go towards putting a stop to that particular kind of offence, and would also be of benefit to the public and of assistance to the police. The evidence produced at previous hearings was to the effect that the accused went round to a number of shops, looked at the electric light meter, and told the proprietor that it had been tampered with. He then demanded money, promising not to say anything about it. The accused was fined \$200.

Death of a Well-Known Sarawak Man.

We have to record with the deepest regret, says the Sarawak Gazette, the death of Mr. James Brodie which, as far as is known at present, occurred at home at the beginning of the month through a motor accident. The news, which was cable-d out and arrived here on the 4th instant, came as a great shock to all and much sympathy has been expressed with Mr. W. H. Brodie, who was expecting his brother to return shortly to Sarawak, and with Mr. Crocker, whose first cousin it deceased. The late Mr. James Brodie first came to this country exactly twelve years ago in the service of The Borneo Co., Ltd., and seven years later, that is in February 1910, he severed his connection with the Company and started in business on his own account in Kuching. He went home not quite a year ago on business connected with his affairs, and just as news had arrived that he was about to return, the telegram announcing his death reached Sarawak. Deceased was, in his 33rd year, having been born in Kuching on 17th May, 1882.

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[A Globe correspondent writes:

For the benefit of those who have overcome the difficulty of distinguishing "planes" from "ships," could you give a very slight description of the different aeroplanes, that one would know which are our own? Thus, I believe the Taube is only German. This, of course, is very distinguishable; but as to the airships, we have at least one Parseval, and I suppose the Zeppelin is the only undoubted enemy?]

In view of the general expectation of a German air raid, says the Globe in explanation, we take the opportunity of dealing with the point raised by our correspondent, for if the invasion does materialise most of the various types of aircraft known will probably be seen in the skies. So far as airships are concerned, there are but two real types—rigid and non-rigid. Some dirigibles are called semi-rigid, but these may be included under the classification non-rigid. Now it is absolutely impossible to mistake a Zeppelin (rigid) for, say, an Astra-Torres (non-rigid). The Zeppelin is entirely German in inception, the inventor after which it is named being the very first to conceive and afterwards to carry out the idea of constructing a solid framework for the "hull" of his aerial ship. Imagine an ordinary seaplane with its steel girders and plates forming the skeleton of what afterwards becomes a great liner. You put decks and chart-houses and funnels on top, cabins, machinery, etc., inside.

Count Zeppelin turns the seaplane upside down, as it were, modifying the shape to suit the special purpose. The inside is filled not with machinery but with a series of gas balloons (called ballonets), which give the "lift," the decks, cabins, and machinery going not on top but underneath.

"Zeppelin's" idea was a great departure (since copied by the French in the Spies and by a German concern in the Schutte-Lanz), seeing that all previous ships of the air had been but elongated balloons to which were suspended rigid cradles carrying motors, pilots, and so on. The necessary "stiffness" for the envelope containing the gas was obtained by pumping air into a special compartment in the balloon itself.

An inevitable consequence of Count Zeppelin's principle was a huge increase in size compared with any other form of airship, in order to carry the great weight of material used in the structure. This distinction remains to this day. Zeppelins are by far the largest airships in the world. If anybody has ever seen an airship (whether a Parseval, Astra-Torres, a Willows, or a Bets), but has never seen a Zeppelin, he should have no difficulty in recognising it if ever a Zeppelin does pass within his range of vision. The non-rigids are fat in front and taper away to something

of a point. The Zeppelin, on the other hand, is long, shapely, and without any unhandsome bulges. At the rear are the lifting planes (like a series of box kites), and behind that the rudder. Above all the Zeppelin, when travelling in the air, seems to be running on invisible rails. An ordinary non-rigid gives one the impression on the contrary of "bounciness," like a tub, shall we say, being propelled on the surface of the water. Germany is the sole country in possession of Zeppelin-type airships. The French only built the Spies as an experiment and nothing more has been heard of it. We also built a Zeppelin some years ago, but it was an unhappy failure. Early this year it was officially announced that we were again going to take up the building of big rigid airships, but no statement has been made on the subject since, and of course in present circumstances none can be looked for. So that if one sees aloft one of the craft which has been described one can be quite certain it is either a Zeppelin or a Schutte-Lanz. They are so much alike that only a trained eye could detect the difference. Anyhow, it would not matter, because in either case it would be a hostile craft.

In regard to aeroplanes, it is almost hopeless for the non-expert to attempt to distinguish the difference. Given a British and German machine at a height of 1,000 feet, there are very few people in England who could tell one from the other. To the ordinary observer the Taube, of which we hear so much, would look just like any other machine at a distance unless one were directly under it (a position in which nobody would be anxious to find himself), and the bird-like sweep of the wings would be noticed. That is the only characteristic about these Taubes as opposed to ordinary aeroplanes. It is wrong to think that all German aeroplanes are of the Taube type. It is equally wrong to think that the Taube idea is a German discovery. The bird-wing shape is adopted with the object of gaining a greater measure of natural stability. In this country Weiss, an English air pioneer, worked on these lines. They are embodied here to-day in the Handley-Page machines. On the continent the Austrian machine Erich was built on the bird-wing principle, and in Germany it was rather extensively taken up. But the Taube had its disadvantages as well as its advantages, and most German aeroplanes to-day (there are exceptions) are developments along the general lines.

Gaiety Actor Killed.
Mr. Lionel Mackintosh, the well-known actor, has been shot at the front. The late actor first attracted attention in London when he replaced Mr. Seymour Hicks as Charles Appleby in "The Shop Girl," at the old Gaiety in 1895. Since then he has been almost continuously under Mr. George Edwards's management and has appeared in "The Circus Girl," "A Runaway Girl," "The Toreador," "The Girls of Gottingen," "Our Miss Gibbs," and others. In 1898 he appeared at the Lyric in "Little Miss Nobody."

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THE PHILIPPINES QUESTION.

Judging from the latest American newspapers, the Philippines question is still actively engaging the attention of legislators in Washington. The Jones Bill, which, as is well known, contemplates the early granting of independence to the Filipinos, has been before a Committee of the Senate for some time, and so marked is the cleavage of opinion on the measure that quite a battle royal has taken place in regard to the wording of its preamble. One point which appeals forcibly to the disinterested observer is that the principal opponents of the Bill are men in high positions who have served in an official capacity in the islands and who are thus able to speak with authority on the matter, while the supporters of the measure are, in the main, men who have nothing but sentiment and fanciful views on "emancipation" with which to back up their arguments. That is a fact which is certainly of much significance.

We know, for example, how such able servants of their country as Mr. Newton Gilbert and Mr. Dean Worcester view with the utmost alarm the idea of an early granting of independence, and they have on their side no less a personage than Mr. Taft, who, with them, has played no small part in the history of American occupation of the islands. The preamble to the Bill affirms the intention of the United States to relinquish the islands upon the establishment of a stable native Government, and, in the opinion of Mr. Taft, no real can be better calculated to start up insurrection in the Philippines. And one can clearly perceive his line of reasoning, since it may be taken as a certainty that not many years would elapse before the Filipinos would be accusing the United States of not making good the promise if the preamble were approved. Self-government may come in time, but, as Mr. Taft takes pains to point out, it is the first duty of America to prepare the Filipinos for it, not to give it to them because the politicians among them ask for it.

As to the readiness of the people for self-government at the moment, there can be no two opinions. The bulk of the Filipinos are woefully ignorant and out of touch with modern civilization, and, if we except the agitators, it may be added that they are not in favour of autonomy and probably do not understand the meaning of it. The art of self-government cannot be given to others—it must come as a result of long social discipline in self-mastery. It is on that fact that those who oppose the Jones Bill take their stand. And for the same reason it is to be hoped that, for the sake of the Filipinos themselves, no less than for the United States, the measure will undergo considerable modification if it ever comes to be passed into law.

Once Again.

It is again necessary to refer to the misdeeds of the gentleman whom, for want of a better name (which we think we could supply), Hongkong has agreed to call "the comprador." When the Government fixed a definite rate of prices for household commodities one thought that this individual would thenceforth be fenced off from the sin of over-charging. The cases which our readers have, from time to time, asked us to ventilate, show that the rails of the fence were not placed closely enough together, and that, where our Chinese friend could not climb over, he would make a sturdy effort at creeping through. One comprador, who has his habitation in Kowloon, seems to have hit upon a very special method of extracting squeeze. A lady reader complained that his charge for certain articles was one cent per unit above the Government rate; for which his excuse was that the articles sold by him were of a better quality than those which his brethren offered for sale. Our informant insisted upon buying at market rate—only to be told, "Next time you send me, I take 'Nogot.'" And so, the customer who declines to be a party to breaking the law and to a swindle is threatened with a refusal of service.

Absinthe.

When, presently, we come to look back upon the war and its attendant circumstances we shall surely have to enumerate among its incidental blessings the cessation of the sale of absinthe in France. France is not essentially a "drinking" country. For one intoxicated man to be found within her borders, probably three or four could be seen in any Northern country. Yet, if we come to consider the percentage of irreclaimable drunkards in each country, we shall perhaps find it higher in France than elsewhere. By nature the Frenchman is not a "drinking" man. He is, it is true, rarely a total abstainer, but very mild wines and the smallest quantities of brandy or of some liqueur usually satisfy him. When, however, he takes seriously to brandy, or, worse still, to absinthe, it seems as though nothing could stop him from going downhill at full speed. We have always been opposed to "prohibition" in a general way, for we maintain that it is impossible to hold men back from evil by force—as the revelations of those who have passed a Sunday in Scotland, or who have travelled through a "dry" State in America, show plainly enough. Absinthe, however, is something beyond the pale; it is not what could be termed a natural beverage; it is, in any quantity, rack poison, and, to our humble way of thinking, the French Government has conferred an inestimable benefit on its subjects by following in the wake of Holland, Belgium and Switzerland, and banning it.

Golf and Profanity.

We published an interesting little paragraph yesterday in which ex-President Taft has a word or two to say about golf and the profanity that is popularly supposed to arise from the playing thereof. Mr. Taft has decided that he has "no ambition to become an expert in the vocal branch of the game," which is putting the matter somewhat neatly. It seems, however, hardly fair to say of the game that "at the outset it may tempt to profanity," for the man who curses his luck at golf will usually do the same over billiards, tennis, cricket or bridge. We should say that far more "words" are used over the billiard table than on the links, if only for the reason that the billiard room (the public variety, at least) is essentially the male's domain, whereas in golf, as in tennis, the frequent presence of ladies acts as a very wholesome check on tongues that would fain go astray. Be a man a good or an indifferent sportsman there are times when ill luck will cause him to lose his temper for the moment; but not necessarily, we think, over one game more than another. We once knew a pious old gentleman who boasted that the only "damn" he had ever perpetrated was over a game of croquet—and then his hearers were a clergyman, an elderly lady and a little girl.

DAY BY DAY.

LET THIS BE ONE OF OUR CHIEF DUTIES—PROMOTING THE HAPPINESS OF OUR NEIGHBOURS.—Anon.

The Weather.
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 64; clear.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 60; clear.

Count the Columns.
Yesterday the Telegraph published 34 columns of solid reading matter. To-day there will be 34 published.

The Mails.
Siberian Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Denoon to-day.
Canadian and U.K. Mails.—Close per s.s. Awa Maru to-day at 11 a.m.
Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Shidzuka Maru to-morrow at 11 a.m.

Up to the Minute—Share Market News.
Closing prices:—
Unions.—\$830.
Yankee.—\$230, buyers.
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China Providents.—\$71, buyers.
Green Islands.—\$5.40, sellers.
Indo-Chinas.—\$77, buyers.

The Dollar.
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 97.16d.

President Wilson.
To-morrow is the anniversary of the inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson (1913).

Company Meeting.
The meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., is to be held to-morrow at 11.30 a.m.

Stole \$160.
A Chinese who stole \$160 from a shop in Queen's Road West was sent to gaol for six months at the Police Court, this morning.

Did not Lintewash.
A number of Chinese, prosecuted by Inspector Davies, were fined \$5 each, at the Police Court, this morning, for failing to lintewash their property.

Harboursing.
Nine months' hard labour was the sentence passed on a woman at the Police Court, this morning, found guilty of harboursing a girl under the age of 18 years.

Flower Show.
The flower show arranged by the Hongkong Horticultural Society will be held in the Botanic Gardens to-morrow and Friday. It remains open from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and from 10.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday.

A Mean Snatcher.
A man charged with snatching the cap from a Chinese baby, which contained a gold ornament, was sentenced to six months and ordered to receive ten strokes of the birch, by Mr. Hazelden, at the Police Court, this morning.

Alice Memorial Hospital.
The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—Oyagar Singh, \$10; General Electric Co., of China, Ltd., \$10; Hon. W. Chatham, \$10; C. E. Richardson, \$10.

An Opium Case.
This morning, at the Police Court, a Chinese master of a water boat was charged with being in unlawful possession of thirty taels of opium. The case was remanded until Monday morning in bail of \$2,500. Mr. Otto Kong-sing betog for the defence.

Malta's Cargo.
The cargo shipped by the s.s. Malta from Hongkong on Feb. 28 included 300 bales of silk cocoons and 513 half-chests of tea for London, 100 bales of waste silk for Manchester, 354 rolls of mats and matting for Amsterdam, 200 packages of tea for Havre, and 442 packages of tea for Marseilles.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

THE RUSSIAN RECOVERY.

The Allies' Policy Regarding Neutral Ships.

Every time the Germans pursue the Russians they seem to meet with a defeat. The last time the singular phenomenon to be noticed was when the Germans, loudly proclaiming victory, found themselves in the unfortunate position of having to break out of an almost completed enclosure. Indeed, it really seems as if their victories will cost them more than their defeats, and that every time they seem to win they are merely providing means for their subsequent worsting. The lesson of the last two weeks, as taught in the eastern theatre of war, is that no defeat up to the present has been anything like decisive. Undoubtedly the Russians were in a tight corner before their retreat across the frontier—the acuteness of their position may well be gauged by the sacrifices they made to get clear. But the quickness of their recovery, and the suddenness of their forcible blow, while the enemy had still over-reached himself in his endeavour to attain a lasting decision, is another triumph for the Russian tactician.

Possibilities.
The question which none of the telegrams settle is whether the Germans were using their shock tactics to secure the initial success in this direction. If so, there might be some explanation for their eventual failure against their opponents. Undoubtedly the weight which a charge en masse carries with it may mean some fair amount of ground won, but once the charge is stopped the momentum of the large bodies of men has disappeared, the ground covered has to be consolidated and it must be more than a little time before the huge machine can be got moving again. It is therefore conceivable that retreat before such formations may not be so difficult as before a more open method of procedure, and that the very tactics adopted by their pursuers gave the Russians the opportunity they wanted to take their stand and face about.

A Concise Statement.
If the Government of the United States had any doubts as to Britain's position on the question of the alleged blockade by Germany of the British Isles, they ought all to be dispensed by now. A more definite and clear statement of what England and France intend to do, than that of Mr. Asquith, cannot be well conceived. The British and French Governments hold themselves free to take into port any ships carrying goods of presumed enemy destination, ownership or origin, but it is not intended to confiscate such vessels or cargoes unless they, for other reasons, be liable to confiscation. There is no quibbling about that. It is a perfectly fair, and, at the same time, in libitarily clear statement to the whole world that ships carrying goods to enemy destination will get no further than the first Allied warship that happens to cross their path. After that their own wishes as to destination will have to give way to the orders of the capturing vessel.

Clearing Away Misunderstanding.
When Germany actually sinks vessels without any sort of enquiry, so long as they are in the vicinity of England, it is a matter of grace, more or less—certainly a evidence of good faith—that Britain does not intend to follow the example of the apostles of "Kultur." The laying down of the Allied position in the way Mr. Asquith has done should not allow of any further misunderstanding. It also removes any impression—or should do—from the American mind that we are willing and anxious to play any more games of diplomatic checkers than we can possibly help.

Consular Change.
It is announced that Mr. J. T. Wawn, the British Consul at Ohemulpo, has been transferred to Nagasaki. It is also stated, says the Japan Chronicle, that a British Vice-Consulate is to be opened in Tokyo shortly, of which Mr. G. H. Phipps will be in charge when he returns to Japan from England.

OLD HONGKONG.

The Namoa Piracy Recalled. (Concluded).

No mention of the history of Hongkong would be complete without dealing with the many piracies which have taken place in these waters. The very fact that the islands surrounding Hongkong were loosely spoken of as the "Ladrones," only a matter of a century or so ago, shows that, even in the time of the clipper, piracy was more than usually frequent on the coasts of the Pacific. From the time Hongkong became an important commercial centre it would seem that the small percentage of bad characters that already inhabited the islands on the arrival of the British was considerably augmented by maritime thieves who came into the Colony from adjacent parts of the mainland. There are, on the north side of the harbour, several localities which are spoken of as former hotbeds of pirates, and in order to make these sketchy notes of the history of Hongkong cover the more important features of the Colony's story, mention must be made of the famous Namoa piracy.

A Terrible Affair.
In quite a number of the picture postcards of the Colony may be found photographs of an execution on Kowloon beach. There are generally two of them—one with four Chinese in the foreground, backed by a crowd of officials and ecclesiastical onlookers, and the second of a number of headless torsos with European witnesses behind. The Namoa piracy, to which these photographs have reference, took place in December 1890. It was one of the most awful affairs that had ever taken place in the Colony. Following a practice which is even maintained to-day, a number of pirates concealed themselves among the passengers on the s.s. Namoa which departed for Swatow. Passing the island of Pinghoi, between forty and fifty pirates appeared on the deck of the ship, and, before the officers had time to grasp the situation, divided into parties and made a concerted attack on the various parts of the ship. The captain was brutally murdered, as well as two others, one of the pirates also meeting with his death. That some of the participants were captured was due to the vigilance of the European police and the sudden awakening of the Chinese authorities to their duties. At any rate, a number of men convicted of the offence met their deaths by decapitation on Kowloon beach.

Old Kowloon.
At this time the walled city of old Kowloon was a place of importance in this part of China. In addition to its being substantially walled and armed with the huge guns that at present lie in the various doorways of the old city, there were a number of officials, including a heptai, or military commander, while a weird Chinese roadway, like an irregular flight of granite steps, ran up over the mountains through Smugglers' Pass. Kowloon's time as a big centre passed in 1893, when it came into British hands. The principle of extending the Colony on the mainland had been a matter which had been engaging the attention of the British authorities for some time, and certain political reasons made it desirable that the hills directly commanding the city should pass under the control of Great Britain. The Chinese authorities admitted that the request was a reasonable one, and in June, 1893, it was announced in the Colony that China had leased two hundred square miles of territory around Hongkong, though even then Kowloon maintained some of its independence as long as that did not conflict with the military requirements of the Colony.

How We Secured Kowloon.
The position may be shortly stated. In 1842, Hongkong became British by the Treaty of Nanking, by the Peking Convention of 1860 British Kowloon was added to the territory acquired in 1842, and in 1898 that portion on the mainland was extended to two hundred square miles by a lease to extend for ninety-nine years. It was agreed at that

HONGKONG AS IT WAS.

SOME FINE PHOTOGRAPHS.

A Publication to Swell the Prince of Wales' Fund.

One of the most interesting gifts to the Prince of Wales' Fund that has been given locally is the presentation of a limited edition of photographic views of old Hongkong which will be on sale shortly at Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co.

The donor is Mr. L. A. Byworth, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, who is shortly leaving the Colony on transfer. He is the fortunate possessor of a book containing a large number of fair-sized views of Hongkong as it was as far back as the year 1868. It is from these that he has made a selection of views showing the Colony as it was, Kowloon in all its bareness and the harbour filled with sailing vessels and without a single steam launch. The photographs have been copied by Messrs. Lane and are some of his best work. They are put together in a highly artistic matt-paper book and make a fine souvenir of old Hongkong.

The first edition, the proceeds from which will be given to the Prince of Wales' Fund, consists of a very limited number of copies, of which a quarter have already been sold, a fact which is indicative of the interest which this novel publication has aroused. Subsequently, should there be further requests for the views, there will be further printings.

A glance at the pictures conveys in the shortest possible time what recent articles in the Hongkong Telegraph have sought to tell of Hongkong as it was. The harbour front is to be seen right up to the foot of the Hongkong Hotel, not a ricksha is to be found in the streets, where the chair coolies seem to have had it all their own way, while along the sea front are to be seen the davits from which swung the gigs of the various hong. Views of the Peak are to be seen when not a house was built on that altitude, when the Peak Tramway was not built and when a farm occupied the site of the lower tramway station.

Those who are interested in Hongkong's history, and there appear to be quite a number, will find the book quite well worth buying, and the fact that the proceeds are to be devoted to the most important fund in the Empire should add an additional inducement to those who wish to lay out \$5 in the best way possible.

There is much to be learned from the story of Hongkong's growth, and to deal with it efficiently would require the careful attention of a balanced historian. The great lesson is as to what the colonising power of the British is really capable of. Hongkong came into our possession, an island of ill-repute, so bad that its addition to the Empire was looked upon with outspoken disfavour. An unhealthy spot where the population of Europeans died off with appalling quickness, a locality inhabited by Chinese whose characteristics were none of the best, and generally a malarious and unsavoury spot, has been turned into the third port in the Empire and a most up-to-date possession of which Britain might well be proud. There have been scandals in the administration of the Colony and there have been many matters that viewed in the light of after experience may be occasions for regret, but the fact remains that, with most unpromising material, the British race in seventy years made another green and flourishing spot on the globe, and in doing so redeemed an island that one famous journal would have liked to have seen go back to the sea from whence it came.

CANTON NEWS.

(From our own correspondents.)

Canton, February 28.
West River Piracy.
 Last Wednesday, the 24th, a junk carrying a cargo of 120 boxes of Kerosene oil, the property of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Shanghai, was attacked and looted by pirates as it was passing through a gorge known as Sam Yung, in the Sin Hing Prefecture. As soon as the report reached him, the Chief of Water Police sent out a gunboat to the scene of the disturbance and the troops nearest at hand were put in motion to apprehend the pirates.

Canton-Kowloon Railway Police.
 After investigating the matter fully, Governor Li has decided to redistribute the police along the line of the Canton-Kowloon Railway. In only three stations, Wu Chung, Sat Tan, and Sun Fong, will a force of thirty police be placed; the stations of lesser importance will be given smaller numbers. This new arrangement will leave a considerable number who will be organized into an emergency squadron, to be rushed without delay to any place where a disturbance may arise.

Farwell Dinner.
 On the occasion of the departure of the former Chinese Commissioner, Mr. Yim K. Chai, the staff of his department gave him a farwell dinner on the evening of the 26th at the headquarters of the Electric Supply Co., on the Bund. In his final speech to his assistants, Mr. Yim said he desired to thank them for their courtesies to him and to encourage them to renew their exertions to find ways and means of relieving the country from its great financial burdens. He was sorry to be compelled to acknowledge that although he had been in the office for several years yet he seemed to have been able to accomplish very little of real value. He strongly urged all the employees of the department to purchase public bonds to the extent of their ability, thus giving what help they could to the Central Government and at the same time setting a good example for others to follow.

Excursion Launch Sunk.
 About three o'clock in the afternoon of the 26th of February, a steam launch heavily loaded with passengers, on its way from Canton to Quan Chau, suddenly sank while in the vicinity of Poon Chung village; and more than a hundred passengers were drowned, most of whom were women. The boat was fearfully overloaded and this is assigned as the immediate cause of the catastrophe. These people were on their way to witness a series of great processions at Quan Chau which have been organized by a merchant of that place by the name of Au Wan-chuen. Since the change of government in China the village business has been so dull that this enterprising citizen conceived the notion of attracting trade by this means and the idea has become so popular that it is said that more than a hundred thousand spectators have been on hand to witness the celebrations. By far the greater part of the unfortunate persons who met their death in the sinking of the launch were residents of Canton.

Japanese Asking for Money.
 The Kwangtung Government has bought coal and machinery from the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Co. to the amount of \$400,000. In order to meet this large amount, the authorities borrowed the money from the Bank of Formosa. Now, however, that bank has become so insolvent in its demands for the return of the loan that arrangements have been made to take it up in its entirety.

Ben Line.
 The Ben Line announce that owing to a casualty to their steamer *Benvorlich* the vessel's departure has been somewhat delayed. She is, however, now loading at Middlesbrough, and will close in London not later than Jan. 27 for the Far East. The following steamer will be the *Benaron*, from London on Feb. 6, and after this it is hoped that the usual fortnightly service of the "Ben" steamers will be resumed.

BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Report of the Hongkong Auxiliary.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society is being held this evening at St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon, when the following report will be presented:—
 Added experience has shown that the claims of the Society continue to be recognised in our community, and fresh encouragement is derived from the circumstances that their presentation by collectors has not failed of success. The Committee would venture to suggest that wider use may be made of the present organisation, which seems to be adequate and suitable, for appeals, through the Ladies' Committee, to friends of the Bible whose names are not yet in the list of subscribers to the Society. To quicken sympathy, and at the same time to enlarge the sphere of operations, will be to advance, from year to year, in a service worthy of the best efforts on the part of all who are associated as workers together in this Auxiliary.

During part of the year the Ladies' Committee was under the disadvantage of having no Secretary in the Colony. In spite, however, of this drawback, the endeavours of its members have been of a character to call for grateful acknowledgment, and in their continuance is the chief ground of hope for increased aid to the Bible Society from its Hongkong constituency. The annual public meeting of the Auxiliary was held in the City Hall, Friday, 19th February, 1914, when the Honorable Mr. Oswald Sevens, who presided, the Rev. G. H. Bonfield, D.D., the Society's Agent in China, and the Rev. J. K. Macintosh, of the Union Church, delivered addresses. These dealt, instructively, with outstanding aspects of the Society's activities, with special reference to the constantly extending field of distribution, to the service rendered by collectors and Biblewomen in China and her Dependencies, and to the testimonies received during the year of results that have followed from the circulation of the Scriptures.

Impressions derived from the Society's Centennial Assemblies in England were portrayed, and encouragements attendant on the more recent developments of Bible work in Eastern lands were set forth, accompanied by stirring appeals for continued sympathy and support. It is gratifying to record the due observance in the local churches, Chinese and non-Chinese, of Bible Sunday. As regards the former, the practice having now become established, the sanctions of custom will assure its continuance. With a view to render Bible Sunday in Chinese churches increasingly helpful, alike to the churches themselves and to the Bible Society, the Committee trusts that Chinese Christian leaders will be kept in vital touch with the up-to-date pamphlet literature, distributed from the B. F. B. S.'s China Agency in Shanghai, through its Hongkong Depot. By timely translation and interpretation, some of the more striking facts and figures can be rendered accessible for pulpit and platform. It has been shown that, within this sphere, Chinese Christians can be moved to steady efforts marked by patient zeal. The best results, however, can be obtained only when the churches are in a position to draw from the Society, through the proper channels, adequate intelligence leading to clearer vision. Non-Chinese workers associated with Chinese churches are reminded of the Illustrated Book Report, issued annually by the Bible Society, in a form well adapted to furnish suggestions for Bible Sunday addresses in Chinese.

From the depot in D'Aguilar Street there were sold, during the twelve months covered by this report, Scriptures in English, Chinese and Japanese, in French, German, Greek and Russian and also in two Indian languages; a total of 8,170, valued at \$1,950.15. The following should have mention as an incident in the year's working from the Depot as Society in the colony of Hongkong.

TELEGRAMS.

OBITUARY.

WELL-KNOWN AUTHOR DEAD.

(Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph.")

London, Received March 2.

The death is announced of the well-known author and lecturer, Frank T. Bullen, aged 56. [The deceased, who was born at Paddington in 1858, received no education after 1866, from which time he was an errand boy, nomad, etc., until 1869. Then he went to sea in various capacities up to and including chief mate, visiting all parts of the world. He became a junior clerk in the Meteorological Office in 1883, in which position he remained until 1899. In addition to his numerous novels, deceased was the author of many articles and essays.]

FEBRUARY RAINFALL.

The rainfall for the month of February, as registered at the Botanic Gardens, is as follows:—

Date	Inch.
1st	—
2nd	.08
3rd	.07
4th	.01
5th	.01
6th	—
7th	.05
8th	.03
9th	—
10th	—
11th	—
12th	.12
13th	.01
14th	—
15th	—
16th	—
17th	.13
18th	.01
19th	.01
20th	—
21st	—
22nd	—
23rd	—
24th	—
25th	—
26th	—
27th	—
28th	—
Total....	.51

President Wilson to Hear "Billy" Sunday Preach.

Washington, January 18.—"If Christ came to Washington" will be the subject of the sermon "Billy" Sunday will preach next Monday before such national leaders as President Wilson, Champ Clark and Cabinet officials. His text will be taken from Luke 19:1, "Jesus entered and passed through Jericho."

a centre. At the philanthropic bazaar, held last June in Kennedy Town, a means of raising funds for relief work in the flooded districts of Kwangtung, an assortment of Scriptures, purchased for the purpose by the Chinese local churches, was placed on sale with results that were deemed fully satisfactory.

A glance at the wider outlook of the Bible Society, from the viewpoint afforded by its Agency in China, may fitly close this report. The Committee is informed, from Shanghai, that the total issues of Scriptures from the central depot there, for the period under review were more than 2,600,000 and that the figures for January of the current year, 1915, indicate a proportional circulation that is still higher. The fact that the bulk of these Scriptures are sold to the Chinese suggests that the new nation has become Bible-reading, a fact fraught with significance for its progress and development.

That this Auxiliary has a place among the forces that are making steadily and continuously, for national reconstruction in China should animate and inspire every endeavour made on behalf of the Society in the colony of Hongkong.

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FOOTBALL IN HONGKONG.

League Matches and Other Matters.

The football matches arranged for this week are as follows:—

To-day.—Club v. Police (U. S. League); Club ground, 5 p.m.; referee, Mr. F. W. Wright. University v. Victoria Rovers (Hongkong League); Military ground, 5 p.m.; referee, Mr. F. W. Eager. Confucians v. Diocessans (Hongkong League); Navy ground, 5 p.m.; referee, Mr. A. A. Wilson.

Saturday.—R. G. A. v. Navy (U. S. League); Military ground, 4 p.m.; referee, Mr. F. W. Eager. In addition to these League encounters, another trial match will be played, as last week, between the 2nd Division team and Belchers, at the Club ground, on Thursday, at 5 p.m.

The following will be the teams:—Belchers.—Gunner Mandy; Cpl. O'xon and Gunner Stalker; Lieut. Jones, Lieut. Opl. Smith and Gunner Edgeler; Gunner Goldenberg, Pte. Davis, Mr. Pennell, Sapper Townsend and Gunner Thomas. Reserves:—Watson and Woods (A.O.D.).

2nd Division.—Edwards; Gunner Gollar and Cheung Wing-bo; W. H. Vireash, Johnson and Pang Kap-yau; Leung Wing tai, R. A. Carvalho, Lieut. Roupell, I. L. Goldenberg and Kwok Shing-hing.

The Shield semi-final will be played between the R.E. and the 2nd Division on Thursday, March 11, on the Club ground, commencing at 4 p.m.

In a circular, Mr. F. W. Eager, the energetic Secretary of the Football Association, regrets to announce that he has been ordered Home, and will sail on April 10. A meeting is to be called at an early date to arrange the appointment of a successor.

A statement of accounts shows that from the recent charity match between Chinese and Indians there is a balance of \$83.35—a very satisfactory result.

The Committee of the Hongkong Football Association thank Mr. Ng Fung-chun and his Committee for their fine work in preparing the stand and in selling so many tickets, and also the Lam Lung and I-I-Lam clubs for helping to swell the total.

SUGAR SHARES.

Hearing Adjourned in Summary Court Case.

The action was resumed in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, this morning, when Monacoe David Silas, sued Hugo Charles Ehrenfels for \$175, balance alleged to be due on a share transaction in China Sugar Refining Company shares.

Mr. Haywood (from Mr. Leo D'Almada's office) is for plaintiff, and Mr. Goldring represents defendant.

His Lordship said the onus was on the plaintiff to prove he got the best price he could for his client.

Mr. Silas said before the sale of

the shares he went to the defendant and asked him if he was willing to take 73. Mr. Ehrenfels went to different brokers and had an offer of 73, when witness called back after having tried to sell and gave witness instructions to sell the shares at 73.

By Mr. Goldring:—He went to one broker—Logan and Basto.

You got 74?—No.

It is rather strange, is it not, that you got 74 from them almost immediately afterwards?—I never sold shares to Logan and Basto.

Why did you say in one breath, various brokers, and then, in the next, only one broker?—Mr. Ehrenfels told me he went to several.

The question is whether you are speaking the truth or not. I put it to you the market price was 74. You know Mr. Potts had offered 74 to Mr. Ehrenfels?—No.

Mr. F. Smyth said the price was 74 on that date during the morning between 10.30 and 11 o'clock. In fact, he thought it was the buying market of the day previous. He himself had offered 74 to Mr. Ehrenfels, knowing he had the shares. Mr. Ehrenfels said they were sold at 73.

The hearing was adjourned for the defendant to be called, his Lordship intimating that he would like to ask him a question, and he also requested the attendance of Mr. Smyth. Being a busy man, he was sorry to have to ask him to attend again.

Mr. Smyth said he would do so. Defendant later appeared and said that he could not recollect instructing the plaintiff to sell the shares at 73.

His Lordship held that the market price on that date was 74, and that selling at 73 was not fair to the client. The matter was a most important one and had given the Court of Appeal at Home considerable trouble. The hearing was adjourned.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY. (British Section).

TIFFIN TRAIN.

The Public is hereby notified that on and from Saturday, March 6th, and on each succeeding Saturday until further notice, tiffin will be served on the train leaving Kowloon at 1.35 p.m. to first class passengers only. The charge for tiffin will be \$1.25. To assist the management and for their own personal comfort, passengers are requested to book their seats in advance, by telephone or letter, which may be done up to Friday night.

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Notices to Mariners.

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The Admiralty and the Hiring of Vessels.

The Admiralty have now informed shipowners that the terms of hire for vessels proposed by a Joint Committee in the autumn and then published have, with certain modifications, been agreed upon. The payments are for monthly periods and vary according to size, speed, and class of the ships. Shipowners describe the terms as being in the circumstances satisfactory, yet the rates of pay fall far short of those obtainable for tonnage in the open market at the present time. Roughly, the rates for cargo steamers may be described as being about one-third of the present open market rates. No doubt a good deal of inconvenience has been caused to owners, but the debt of the Mercantile Marine to the Navy is far too great to allow owners to indulge in anything more than a very friendly "growl."

Cargoes in Enemy Ships.

The Committee representing the various interests in British cargo in enemy vessels sheltering in Sumatran ports have been informed that the result of the test case brought against the captain and owners of the s.s. Soandis in the Medan Court is that no general average or re-stowage expenses are payable by cargo owners. It is understood that the captain and owners have appealed from this decision, and as it is probable that considerable delay may result before the appeal is heard, the committee have communicated with the Rotterdam agents of the various lines concerned enquiring whether, to avoid lengthy litigation, they will agree to deliver up British cargo on reasonable terms. As the committee have ascertained that committees with similar objects have been formed in the Far Eastern ports, and that Messrs. Harrison and Crofield, Ltd., will act on behalf of the Hongkong and Yokohama interests, they recommend British cargo owners to likewise place their interests in the hands of this firm, and to communicate with the Secretary at 1-4, Great Tower-street, E.C. The Chamber of Commerce has been unofficially informed that the owners of the s.s. Stolberg, through their Rotterdam agents, have written that this steamer is laid up in the emergency port of Macassar, and they are compelled to make use of the rights stipulated in Clause 10 of the Bill of Lading. They have obtained permission from their Government to put the goods at the disposal of the consignees, and will proceed to discharge the goods at Macassar. Average contribution 5 per cent. Unofficial information has also reached the Committee that the owners of the s.s. Lubek at Tjilatjap have taken steps with the German authorities to ask permission to deliver the goods to the owners. They announce their intention of ordering the goods to be unloaded at Tjilatjap. Average contribution 5 per cent.

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HOIHOW & Haiphong	Taksang	Tues., 9th Mar. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Choysang	Fri., 12th Mar. at 10 a.m.
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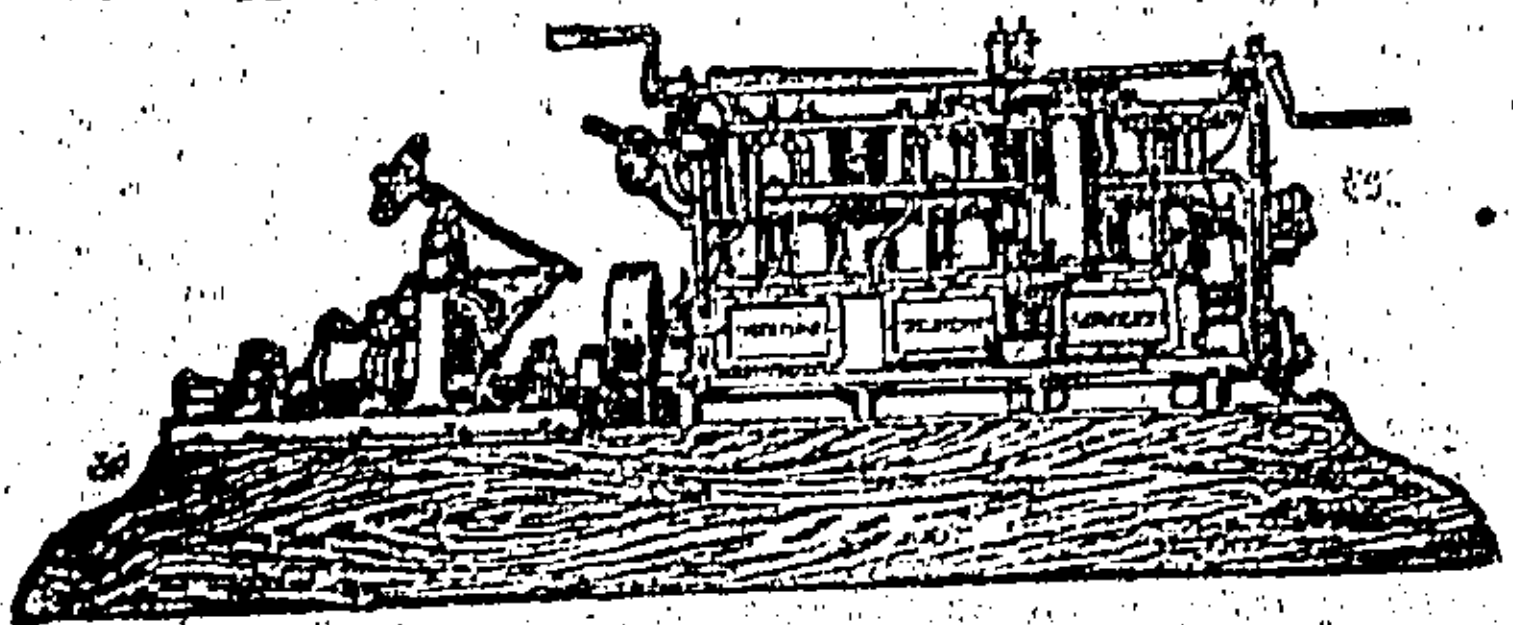
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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH. EXTRA

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1915.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIANS CONTINUE VICTORIOUS CAREER.

AUSTRIANS SUFFER SMASHING DEFEATS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

March 2, 10.40 p.m.

A Petrograd communique states:—
We continued our offensive on the Niemen and Vistula front, our troops progressing successfully north-west of Grodno. The enemy, reacting stubbornly, fell back beyond the line Mankow-Ratzei-Rikowice.

Germans Retreating.

The enemy continues to bombard Osowiec with heavy guns. Our troops are developing an offensive between the Rivers Pissa and Rozoga.

The Germans in the region of Pranyez, pressed by us, are retreating precipitately on to Janow and Miava. We also took a successful offensive southward of Rodzanowo.

The Austrians delivered a vigorous attack with masses of artillery between the Rivers Onda and San, but their efforts were without result.

Enormous Austrian Losses.

The Austrian infantry concentrated in massed columns and attacked at dawn at Tworline. They suffered enormous losses.

An extraordinary stubborn and furious battle raged all day long, having its centre at Rabba and Radziosoff. The enemy's attacks often ended in bayonet fighting. The enemy's losses were excessively great, all slopes of the mountains and ravines being strewn with Austrian dead. Many of the enemy's units were annihilated to the last man.

"THE QUINETS."

Another Splendid Show at the Theatre Royal.

"The Quinets" were again accorded a handsome welcome last night, and had a much larger house than on the opening night. We described their performance at some length in yesterday's issue, but the subject is a pleasant one to return to for a moment.

We doubt if Hongkong has seen a more happy mingling of refinement, dexterity, fun, daintiness and real art than "The Quinets." Usually among the touring players that find their way to this Colony, we think we are well served if an individual company can muster two or three indifferent good artists; but "The Quinets" are good right through, each performer is a specialist and the combination is a delightful one. Mr. Salisbury's dismal, elfin countenance, coupled with his cynical interjections, would make him a favourite with any house, even if he did no special turn of his own; but when, in addition, he illustrated the problem of how not to be late in the morning, when he sang of the "Nut" and the Union Jack, and when he related the trials and experiences of one James William Macintoshie, the audience wept with laughing and acclaimed him prince of good fellows.

The three lady performers also delighted the house, each in her special way. Miss Alice Croxton's beautiful soprano—one of those voices which never seems to get tired and which one certainly never tires of hearing—was constantly in evidence; most notably, perhaps, in "The Song the Bird Sang" and in her encore song "Somewhere a Voice is Calling." Miss Peggy May brought an added life into the proceedings with her exceptionally delicate dancing and with the atmosphere of gaiety which she diffuses so naturally; while Miss Dorothy James was altogether charming in "The Hoodoo" and prettily pathetic in "The Workhouse Bonnet." Miss James also

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The orders of the day for tomorrow's meeting of the Legislative Council are:—

Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the payment of fees in respect of Private Bills.

Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to Seditious Publications.

Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to provide for the regulation of origin in respect of goods, wares and merchandise sought to be imported from certain places and to provide for the furnishing of import manifests.

Committee on the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Alien Enemies (Winding up) Ordinance, 1914.

very gracefully accompanied some of the songs.

Mr. E. L. Mott has just the light, flexible voice for such a song as "Tis You," but he has, further, a marvellous power of playing the traditional naughty boy: the youth who, in a railway carriage, drives his fellow-passengers demoralized with his questions, his restlessness—and his eating; and those who saw him in this role last night will want to see him again. Mr. Courtenay Fagan also is comedian as well as singer. He has a very mellow baritone which is valuable whether in solo or chorus, and his frenetic attempts to explain to Mr. Salisbury the discovery of the power of steam kept his auditors busy over one prolonged laugh. Mr. Dick Hewitt, besides accompanying most of the numbers as only a real musician can (and, by the way, he is himself the composer of a good deal of "The Quinets" music) showed that he can act well and can tell stories with more than ordinary cleverness; new stories, too.

To-morrow night there will be a complete change of programme.

THE BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.

LOCAL DONATIONS.

An Expression of Gratitude.

The Acting Consul General for Belgium takes the opportunity, in publishing the first list of subscriptions for the Belgian sufferers by the war, of thanking all individuals, clubs and charitable societies in Hongkong, Canton and Macao for their generosity in contributing towards the relief of his unfortunate compatriots who have been driven from hearth and home and who have found such a charitable shelter in England, France and Holland.

When war began and only a part of Belgium was invaded by the German army, Belgians resident in the Far East subscribed among themselves to help their unfortunate countrymen, but the subsequent sufferings and trials which the population sustained during the enemy's march through the country caused a universal feeling of sympathy and pity for victims of Teutonic barbarity.

Murder, pillage, incendiarism and ruin obliged the Belgians to take refuge with their neighbours in Holland, France and Great Britain, and as their number and misery increased day by day, a central Committee was established in London to receive all gifts of money and goods and to distribute them to the various local committees in Great Britain, France and Holland. The organisation is known as "The Belgian Relief Fund," and the Legation of His Majesty the King of the Belgians in Peking has appointed Mr. Verstraeten, Acting Consul General for Belgium, as representative for Hongkong and South China.

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, on the proposal of the Commodore, Mr. F. Smyth, inaugurated the Belgian Relief Fund in Hongkong, and on December 29, 1914, the ladies of Canton graciously organised a magnificent Charity Fete in the Canton Club in aid of the Fund. The Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club kindly contributed the proceeds of a theatrical entertainment "Snow White and the Frog Prince" by its talented artists to the relief of the Belgian victims of the war; His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria made a special collection at the Intercessory Service at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday, January 3; the Committee of the St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, held a much-appreciated concert; and the organising Committee of the concert at the Italian Convent devoted its proceeds to Lady Lugard's Belgian Refugees Fund.

The Acting Consul General for Belgium, as delegate of the Central Committee of the Belgian Relief Fund, will be glad to read on any contributions which he may receive and he wishes to publicly express his sincere gratitude to all who have so generously contributed to help and to support his unfortunate compatriots in exile, who in their sorrow will be comforted by the thought of the great sympathy which their cause has received all over the world and particularly in these far-away countries. The following donations are gratefully acknowledged:—

Kindly collected by Lady May:
Sir Henry May ... £ 25-0-0
Mr. Ho Tung ... 100-0-0
Ladies' Bridge Tournament ... 14-13-0
The Ladies of Canton (Charity Fete) ... \$1,070.66
Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club ... 1,000.00
The Organising Com-

SENT TO GAOL.

Embezzled Money and Spent It.

This afternoon, at the Police Court, before Mr. J. R. Wood, a Chinese was charged by Noor Din, tailor, of Beconsfield Arcade, with embezzling money belonging to his employer. The case for the prosecution was that the defendant collected \$48 from Mr. G. A. Robinson, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, on January 10. Mr. P. W. Goldring appeared for the prosecution.

The defendant, asked what he had to say, informed his Worship that he had spent the money, but if the prosecutor would take him back he would repay it.

The defendant was sent to prison for three months, with hard labour.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut.-Col. A. Chappman, V.D., state:—

Transfer.—Pte. J. Stewart, Sutherland Bearer Section, to Engineering Co., dated 2.3.15.

Resignation.—Gunner J. Millar is permitted to resign, dated 2.3.15.

Weekly Reports.—O. Cs are reminded that the weekly state is required at the Orderly Room not later than 5 p.m. to-morrow.

Field Day, 7th instant.—Parade on Cricket Ground at 9.30 a.m. Dress: Light marching order.

Four pouches to be worn. No handbags. Waterbottles filled. Food to be taken in haversacks.

Helmet, khaki jacket and shorts will be worn. Pull-throughs and flannellette must be carried to clear rifles after firing. Members of the corps residing at Kowloon will parade at the Ferry Wharf at 10 a.m. The senior officer present will take charge and will report to the Commandant for orders on his arrival.

Members of Belchers Section and as many exempted men as possible are asked to attend. The Engineer Company will not attend.

Parades.—Parades for Thursday, 4th instant:—5.15 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections Artillery and Left Section M. G. Co., 10 p.m. drill at Headquarters. Remainder, Skirmishing, under Company Commanders, on Cricket Ground. Recruits under Sergeant Bullock.

Detail.—Orderly Officer, Lieut. Cunningham. Orderly Sergeant, Sergt. Schnepel. To furnish Guard to-night, No. 2 Section Artillery; to-morrow, No. 1 Section Artillery and Left Section M. G. Co.

mittee of the Concert at the Italian Convent, including the following donations (through Lady May):
Mrs. Ho Fook, \$100;
Mr. Ho Wing, \$50;
Mrs. Ho In, \$20;
Mrs. Ho Kuong, \$20;
Mrs. S. L. Ho, \$20;
The Committee of St. John's Cathedral, 639.05
Mr. & Mrs. W. G. Humphreys, 500.00
St. Andrew's Church (Kowloon) Concert, 120.00
La Banque de l'Indo-Chine, 100.00
K.X.X., 100.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Harvey, 100.00
Mr. G. Liebert, 50.00
Mr. J. de Laet, 50.00
A. B. D. G., 25.00
J. M. 17, 25.00
Mr. de Reus, 20.00
Mr. Doreano, 20.00
Mr. P. Kramer, 20.00
"Sweep", 5.00
"Minors", 5.00
Mrs. Le Braton, 2.00
Total, \$4,007.1
Further donations will be acknowledged in the Telegraph.

AFTER THE RACES.

Ponies Sold This Afternoon.

Outside the City Hall, this afternoon, Mr. F. C. M. Hurley, of Messrs. Hughes and Hough, conducted a sale of race ponies, including winners in the recent Meeting. The prices fetched were:—

Lindsay G., \$35, Ma Fong. Glenoloy, \$75, Mr. Hastings. Amun Ra, \$40, Mr. Gagg. Flying Kangaroo, \$40, Mr. Gagg. Aurora (withdrawn). Topaz, \$110, Mr. Hastings. Danin, \$25, Mr. Wo Yick. Turpenite, \$110, Captain Thicknesse. Jolly Jack, \$50, Mr. Gagg. The Shrike, \$45, Captain Thicknesse.

Jed (bought in). Flame Dahlia, \$70, Mr. Gagg. Ideal Dahlia, \$75.

Sunstar Dahlia, \$150, Mr. Bratton.

Kukri, \$65, Mr. H. Seth. The Bird, \$25, Mr. Reid.

Bayard, \$75, Captain Heath. Whiteboy, \$45, Mr. Dickinson. Grayling, \$105, Mr. Hough.

Rouget, \$35, Lo Ming Wan. Grey Friar, \$35. Redbank, \$35.

Mad Eve, (withdrawn). Bluebottle, \$80, Mr. Smith. Wild Cat, \$90, Mr. Blason.

Erin, \$60, Mr. Stevenson. Chaloot, \$30, Wo Yick. The Kios Bird, \$30, Mr. Schluter.

Belgian King, \$40, Mr. Baith. Tailor, \$50, Mr. Gagg. Rashills, \$45, (bought in). Beattuck, \$45, (bought in).

A NEW REGULATION.

Passengers Not to Land Before Police Examination.

A Government Gazette Extraordinary issued to-day contains the following notification:—

Harbour Master's Department. It is hereby notified that the following paragraph has been added to Part I of the Regulations contained in Government Notification No. 286 of the 3rd August, 1914:—

Examination by Police. (1) No person shall without the permission of an Examining Officer leave any ship arriving in the waters of the Colony until the ship has been boarded and examined by the Police; and any ship from which any person leaves in contravention of this regulation may be ordered to return to an examination anchorage for further examination.

BASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N., Harbour Master, &c, March 2nd, 1915.

HOME FOOTBALL.

The League Battles.

(From our Special Correspondent).

London, Jan. 29.

The latest League results are:—

First League.

Blackburn Rovers ... 3
Manchester United ... 3
Bradford City ... 1
Newcastle United ... 1
Burnley ... 3
Tottenham Hotspur ... 1
Chelsea ... 2
Middlesbrough ... 2
Everton ... 0
Sheffield United ... 0
Manchester City ... 2
Bolton Wanderers ... 1
Nottingham ... 2
Oldham ... 1
Sheffield Wednesday ... 2
Liverpool ... 1
Sunderland ... 3
Bradford ... 3
West Bromwich Alb. ... 2
Aston Villa ... 0

(Played on the ground of the first named club on Saturday, January 23).

Positions of the Clubs.

Goals.	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.
Manchester C.	23 12 3 8 31 20 32
Oldham	23 13 4 0 52 35 32
Sheffield W.	24 12 5 7 44 35 31
Everton	24 11 6 7 45 28 29
Blackburn R.	24 11 8 5 54 39 27
Bradford C.	23 8 5 10 40 28 26
Bradford	23 11 8 4 40 46 26
W. B. Albion	23 11 8 4 33 23 26
Sheffield U.	23 9 7 7 29 24 25
Sunderland	23 11 10 2 51 49 24
Aston Villa	23 8 8 7 36 47 23
Burnley	23 8 10 5 36 34 21
Middlesbrough	23 6 8 9 34 43 21
Bolton W.	25 8 14 3 51 57 10
Liverpool	23 6 11 6 34 40 18
Newcastle U.	23 6 11 6 30 34 18
Chelsea	22 4 9 0 28 38 17
Tottenham	24 5 12 7 35 58 17
Manchester U.	22 4 10 8 50 39 16
Notts C.	23 5 12 6 27 37 16

Manchester City refuse to give up the struggle for the championship of the First League and they have made a splendid recovery in depositing Oldham and returning to the top of the table. There was nothing exceptional about the City's performance in winning their home match with Bolton Wanderers but Oldham failed badly in losing to the bottom team on the list, Notts County. Like all teams in their dangerous position, Notts fought desperately and upset their opponents' calculations in claiming victory after having lost the first goal of the match. On form Manchester City and Oldham are the fabled clubs for the cup, but the former have a very hard second round tie in having drawn against Aston Villa, who are never so good a team as when competing for the national trophy. As usual the meeting, of West Bromwich Albion and Aston Villa aroused great interest, 30,000 people being present; and once more the Albion were successful. London's representatives remain very unsatisfactory and Chelsea as well as Tottenham Hotspur are running a great risk of losing their position.

Second League.

Goals.	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.
Arsenal	23 13 4 6 44 25 32
Stockport C.	22 15 5 3 30 22 29
Birmingham	22 10 6 7 31 22 27
Glossop	22 10 6 7 31 22 27
Blackpool	22 10 6 7 31 22 27
Leeds City	22 10 6 7 31 22 27
Bristol City	22 10 6 7 31 22 27
Notts F.	22 10 6 7 31 22 27
Bury	22 10 6 7 31 22 27
Preston N. E.	22 10 6 7 31 22 27
Clapton O.	22 10 6 7 31 22 27
Hull C.	22 10 6 7 31 22 27
Derby County	22 10 6 7 31 22 27
Fulham	22 10 6 7 31 22 27
Grimsby T.	22 10 6 7 31 22 27
Barnsley	22 10 6 7 31 22 27
Lincoln C.	22 10 6 7 31 22 27
Wolver. W.	22 10 6 7 31 22 27

(Played on the ground of the first named club on January 23.)

Positions of the Clubs.

Goals.	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.
Derby C.	23 15 3 5 47 16 35
Birmingham	22 13 5 4 49 20 30
Arsenal	24 13 7 4 51 27 30
Huddersfield	22 13 7 2 40 23 28
Barnsley	22 12 8 2 37 32 26
Hull C.	22 11 8 3 37 32 25
Bristol C.	22 10 8 4 43 31 24
Lincoln C.	23 9 8 6 31 31 24
Preston N.E.	22 8 7 7 28 23 23
Bury	22 9 9 4 38 27 22
Fulham	22 9 9 4 32 27 22
Stockport C.	23 9 10 4 29 20 22
Clapton O.	22 7 9 6 25 29 20
Leeds C.	23 8 11 4 43 35 20
Wolver. W.	23 8 11 4 36 37 20
Notts F.	24 7 11 6 31 45 20
Grimsby T.	23 7 11 5 26 45 19
Blackpool	22 8 12 2 25 37 18
Leicester F.	22 5 15 2 20 50 12
Glossop	22 3 15 4 10 53 10

The outstanding performance in the Second League was Birmingham's double-figure victory, over Glossop. A little poorer than usual this season, Glossop suffered

all sorts of misfortunes in this match, the worst being the loss of their goal-keeper, who was injured and had to retire. Once more at the bottom of the table and without any reasonable hope of rising above it, it seems likely that the club will again have to apply for re-election. In the past Mr. S. Hill-Wood, M.P. for the Peak Division of Derbyshire, who has had horses in training and twice won the Waterloo cup with home-bred dogs, has been the good fairy and made good the financial losses sustained each year. He has now stated that there are so many claims made on him owing to the War that he does not feel justified in continuing his magnificent support, and in consequence there is serious doubt as to the future of the club. This runaway victory by Birmingham may prove most valuable in so far as it improves their goal average, for more than once during recent years the question of promotion has been settled by goal average. Indeed, they now take second place in the table in front of the Arsenal owing to the addition of these eleven goals. Gradually the teams with promotion chances are being reduced in number. Now it can almost be said that the struggle for the two places which carry with them promotion rests between Derby County, Birmingham, the Arsenal and Huddersfield.

Southern League.

Brighton	...	2
Cardiff C.	...	1
Gillingham	...	0
Exeter C.	...	0
Northampton	...	1
Queen's P. R.	...	1
Norwich C.	...	5
Luton	...	1
Plymouth Argyle	...	3
Swindon	...	1
Reading	...	1
Watford	...	1
Southampton	...	4
Millwall	...	2
West Ham	...	4
Portsmouth	...	3

(Played on the ground of the first named club on January 23.)

Positions of the Clubs.

Goals.	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.
Reading	23 13 4 6 44 25 32
Millwall	22 15 5 3 30 22 29
West Ham	22 12 8 4 37 30 28
Brighton	22 13 6 4 32 24 28
Watford	22 10 6 7 31 22 27
Cardiff C.	23 12 9 2 42 23 26
Exeter C.	22 10 8 5 37 27 25
Southampton	23 11 8 3 44 47 25
Portsmouth	23 9 8 6 33 29 24
Swindon	22 8 8 6 42 39 22
Northampton	22 7 8 30 33 22
Queen's P. R.	23 7 8 8 33 36 22
Norwich City	23 6 8 9 32 34 21
Crystal P.	21 7 8 6 25 27 20
Plymouth A.	22 5 8 9 33 35 19
Luton	22 6 10 6 31 45 18
Southend U.	20 5 9 6 19 28 16
Bristol R.	21 7 12 2 35 47 16
Oxford C.	21 4 11 8 26 38 14
Gillingham	23 2 15 6 26 38 14

Nothing exceptional happened in the Southern League and the positions of the clubs are practically unchanged. But had the forwards not carried fitness in front of goal to an extreme, Cardiff City might have created a surprise. Brighton have not lost a match at home but on their second half display the Welsh side should have made certain of drawing if not of winning. Practically all the Brighton players have joined the Footballers' Battalion, which is now quartered at the White City, about 800 strong, but like the other men they are released from their military duties each week end in order that the club may carry out their programme until the end of the season.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-Sixth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned at 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 18th instant.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th to the 18th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1915.

NOTICE

NOTICE.

The Offices of the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd. have this day been removed to 16, Ice House Street, Hongkong, 1st March, 1915.

CONSIGNEES

"INDRA" LINE LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

The Steamship

"INDRAGHIRI" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 5th prox. at 5 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on 5th prox. at 9.30 a.m. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by—
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
Agents,
Hongkong, 26th February, 1915.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

From SAN FRANCISCO, JAPAN PORTS and MANILA.

S.S. "KOREA"

The above mentioned vessel having arrived consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their bills of lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside. Cargo impeding discharge will be landed immediately at consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board March 3rd, 1915 at noon will be subject to landing charges and if undelivered March 6th, 1915 at 5 p.m. will be subject to both landing and storage charges.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's godown March 6th, 1915 at 9 a.m.

No claim will be entertained unless accompanied by short delivery note or list of exceptions taken at the time of delivery to consignees and signed for and on behalf of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

All claims must be filed on or before March 15th, 1915, otherwise they will not be recognized.

B. C. MORTON,
Agent,
Hongkong, 1st March, 1915.

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Hongkong, February 10, 1915.

BUTCHER MEAT.

Beef Sirloin & Prime Cut, — Mei Lung Pa	lb.	19
" Corned, — Ham Ngau Yuk	"	10
" Roast, — Shiu	"	19
" Breast, — Ngau Lam	"	17
" Soup, — Tong Yuk	"	15
" Steak, — Ngau Yuk Pa	"	20
" do., — Sirloin, — Ngau Lau	"	30
" Sausages, — Ngau Cheung	"	24
Bullock's Brains, — No	per set	10
" Tongue, fresh, — Ngau Li	each	60
" corned, — Ham Ngau Li	"	60
" Head, — Ngau Tau	"	\$1.00
" Heart, — Ngau Sum	"	14
" Hump, Salt, — Ngau Kin	"	20
" Feet, — Ngau Keuk	each	11
" Kidneys, — Ngau Yiu	"	11
" Tail, — Ngau Mei	"	18
" Liver, — Ngau Kon	"	13
" Tripe (undressed), — Ngau To	"	8
Calves' Head & Feet, — Ngau-tai-tau-keuk	set	\$1.00
Mutton Chop, — Yeung Poi Kwat	lb.	25
" Leg, — Yeung Poi	"	25
" Shoulder, — Yeung Shan	"	24
" Saddle, —	"	27
Pigs Chittlings, — Chu Chong	"	27
" Brains, — Chu No	per set	24
" Feet, — Chu Keuk	lb.	13
" Fry, — Chu Chap	"	15
" Head, — Chu Tau	"	16
" Heart, — Chu Sam	each	11
" Kidneys, — Chu Yiu	"	18
" Liver, — Chu Kon	lb.	28
Pork Chop, — Chu Pai Kwat	"	24
" Corned, — Ham Chu Yuk	"	23
" Leg, — Chu Poi	"	23
" Fat or Lard, — Chu Yau	"	20
Sheep's Head and Feet, — Yeung Tau Keuk	set	60
" Heart, — Yeung Sam	each	8
" Kidneys, — Yeung Yiu	"	12
" Liver, — Yeung Kon	lb.	28
Sucking Pigs, to order, — Chu Tsai	"	22
Suet, Beef, — Shang Ngau Yau	"	20
Mutton, — Shang Yeung Yau	"	26
Veal, — Ngau Tsai Yuk	"	19
" Sausages, — Ngau Tsai Cheung	"	20
Lard, — Chu Yau	"	20

POULTRY.

Chicken, — Kai Tsai	lb.	30
Capons, Large, Small, — Sin Kai	"	30
Ducks, — Ap	"	20
Doves, — Pan Kau	"	18
Eggs, Hen, — Kai Tan (cooking)	per doz	20
Fowls, Canton, — Kai	lb.	34
" Hainan, — Hoi Nam Kai	"	30
Geeses, — Ngo	"	24
Pigeons, Canton, — Pak Kap	each	28
" Hoihow, — Hoi How Pak Kap,	"	25
Snipe, — Sha Tsai	each	20
Turkeys, Cook, — Fo Kai Kung	lb.	60
" Hen, — " Na	"	45

FISH.

Barbel, — Ka Yu	lb.	16
Bream, — Pin Yu	"	18
Canton Fresh Water Fish, — Hoi Sin Yu	"	15
Carp, — Li Yu	"	20
Catfish, — Chik Yu	"	12
Codfish, — Mun Yu	"	14
Crabs, — Hai	"	28
Cuttle Fish, — Mak Yu	"	18
" Shu Mang Yu	"	12
Dace, — Wong Mei Lap	"	13
Dog Fish, — Tit To Sha	"	10
Eels, Conger, — Hoi Man	"	13
" Fresh water, — Tam Sui Yu	"	18
Eels, Yellow, — Wong Sin	"	32
Frogs, — Tin Kai	"	33
Garoupa, — Shek Pan	"	40
Gudgeon, — Pak Kap Yu	"	16
Herrings, — Tao Pak	"	20
Halibut, — Cheung Kwan Kap	"	20
Labrus, — Wong Fa Yu	"	18
Loach, — Wu Yu	"	26
Lobsters, — Lung Ha	"	28
Mackerel, — Chi Yu	"	20
Monk Fish, — Mong Yu	"	32
Mullet, — Chai Yu	"	16
Oysters, — Shang Ho	"	22
Parrot Fish, — Kai Kung Yu	"	12
Perch, — Tau Lo	"	18
Pike, — Fa Pau Fong	"	16
Plaice, — Pan Yu	"	15
Pomfret, Black, — Hak Chong	"	26
Pomfret, White, — Pak Chong	"	28
Prawns, — Ming Ho	"	28
Ray, — Pai Pa Sha	"	10
Rock Fish, — Shek Kau Kung	"	15
Roach, — Chun Yu	"	12
Salmon, — Ma Yu	"	30
Shark, — Sha Yu	"	7
Skate, — Po Yu	"	8
Shrimps, — Ha	"	25
Snapper, — Lap Yu	"	28
Soles, — Tat Sha Yu	"	26
Tench, — Wan Yu	"	16
Turbot, — Cho Ho Yu	"	18
Turtles, small, fresh water, — Keuk Yu	"	60

FRUITS.

Almonds, — Bang Yan	lb.	35
Apples (California), — Kam Shan Ping Kho	"	18
" (Chico), — Tie Chun Ping Kho	"	18
" Small, — Hoi Tong	"	18
Bananas, fragrant, Canton, — San Shing Heng Chiu	lb.	18
" (brides), — Macao, — San Heng Chiu	"	18
Chestnuts, Chinese, — Fong Lat	"	18

肉食

Caramails, — Yeung To	each	12
Coconuts, — Ya Tse	lb.	30
Grapes, — Po Tai Tze	"	8
Lemons, China, — Ling Mung	"	10
" America, — Kam Shan Ling Mung	"	10
Lichees Dried, — Lai Chi, small Stone	lb.	28
" Fresh, —	"	28
Oranges, (Canton), — Shan-shang Tin Ching	"	5
" Sweet, —	"	8
Pears, (American), — Kam San Shoot Lay	"	10
" (Canton), — Ching Li	"	10
Peanuts, — Fa Shang	"	10
Perseimons Large, — Hung Tze	"	10
Pine-apples, 1st quality, — Pun Ti Po Lo	each	10
" 2nd, — Chung-lung Po Lo	"	10
Plantain, — Tai Chiu	"	10
Plums, — Swatow, Hung Lai	"	10
Pumelo, Siam, — Chiu Lo Yau	each	14
" Shanghai, — Lo Kwat	"	14
Walnuts, — Hop To	lb.	15
" Green, — Sang Hop Tao	"	15
Water Melon, — (Am.) Kom San Sai Kwa	each	15

VEGETABLES, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai, — Sheung-hoi Ah Ohi	lb.	8
" Cheuk, —	"	8
Beans, (French), Macao, — Oh Moon Pin Tau	"	8
" (French) Shanghai, — Sheung Hai Pin	"	8
" Sprout, — Ah Ohi	"	10
" Long, — Tau Kok	"	10
Beet Root, — Hung Choi Tau	each	6
Bitter Squash, — Fa Kwa	"	8
Brinjals, Green, — Ching Yuan Kwa	"	6
" Red, — Hung Ke	"	6
Cabbage, Chinese, (common), — Ka Tsai	lb.	10
Cabbage, Shanghai, — Ye Tsai	"	14
Cane Shoots, bunch, — Kan Shun	"	8
Carrots, — Kam Shun	lb.	8
Celery, Chinese, — Tong Kan Tsai	"	25
Chillies Dried, — Kon Lap Chiu	"	10
" Red, — Hung Fa Chiu	"	10
" Green, — Ching Lap Chiu	"	10
Curry Stuff, English, — Ka Li Chu Liu	"	10
Cucumbers, — Ching Kwa	each	2
Garlic, — San Tau	lb.	8
Ginger, young, — Sun Tse Keung	"	6
" old, — Lo Keung	"	6
Horse Radish, Shanghai, — Lik Kau	"	12
Indian Corn, — Suk Mai	each	1
Lettuce, — Yeung Shang Tsai	"	1
Water Chestnuts, — Ma Tai	lb.	6
" Mandarin, — Kwei Lam Ma Tai	"	6
Mushrooms, Fresh, — Shang Cho Ko	"	35
Musk Melon, Amer. — Kam-san Hong Kwa	each	16
Okra, —	"	16
Onions Bombay, — Yeung Chong Tau	"	8
" Green, — Shang Chong	"	6
" Shanghai, — Sheung-hoi Chong Tau	"	7
Parsley, — Kun Tsai	lb.	8
Green Peas, — Ching Tan	lb.	1
Potatoes, Sweet, — Fan Shu	"	3
" Shanghai, — Sheung-hoi Shu Tsai	"	3
" Japan, — Yut Pun Shu Tsai	"	3
" American, — Fa Ki Shu Tsai	"	3
" Foochow, — Foo-chow Shu Tsai	"	3
Pumpkin, — Tong Kwa	"	3
Radish, — Hung Lo Pak Tsai	"	5
Rhubarb (Kresh), — Tai Wong	"	1
Sage, — Tse So	"	1
Shallots, — Kon Chung Tau	"	8
Spinach, — Yin Tsai	"	5
Tomatoes, — Fan Ke	"	6
Taro, — Wu Tau	"	6
Turnip, Punt, (Long), — Lo Pak	"	4
" English, — Yeung Lo Pak	"	4
Vegetable Marrow, — Chit Fwa	"	4
" (American), — Ka-san Jui Tsai	"	4
Water Cress, — Sai Yeung Tsai	"	12
Lily root, — Lin Ngau	"	6
Yams, — Ta Shu	"	6
" English, — Yeung Kan Choi	"	1
" Tau	"	1

The above prices are in accordance with the Government's list of maximum charges fixed by Proclamation as revised up to the 30th ult. The Proclamation also contained the following schedule of maximum retail prices:—

1. Flour:—	
(a.) Highest Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.,	\$4.50
per lb.,	10
(b.) Second Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.,	4.00
per lb.,	08
(c.) Third Grade, per bag of 50 lbs.,	3.50
per lb.,	07
2. Tinned Milk:—	
(a.) Sweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin,	30
(b.) Unsweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin,	25
(c.) Sterilized Milk, per tin (18 oz.),	25
(d.) Sterilized Milk, per 1 litre tin,	35
(e.) Eagle Brand, per 1 lb. tin,	33
(f.) Skimmed Milk, per 1 lb. tin,	20
3. Sugar:—	
Cane, (in 6 lb. tins), per tin,	1.15
Refined Crystallized, per lb.,	12
Granulated, per lb.,	12
Soft, No. 1 quality, per lb.,	12
No. 2	11
Cooking Salt, 2 cents per lb.	
4. Frozen Meat:—	
The Dairy Farm prices for frozen food and other stores published on 1st September, 1914, with all changes in prices shown in red ink, are the maximum retail prices for the articles enumerated in the price list of that date. [Approved copies signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Food Committee can be seen either at the Treasury or on the premises of the Dairy Farm Company in Wyndham Street.]	
5. Market Produce:—(See above)	
6. The prices of provisions imported from countries other than China (excepting those above enumerated) may not be raised more than 15 per cent. above the retail prices prevailing in the Colony on the 25th July, 1914.	
Note.—In consideration of the loss sustained by discount on subsidiary coinage, payment for all articles of food not exceeding \$1 in value (excepting the articles enumerated in clause 5 in Proclamation No. 18 of the 30th October, 1914, and in the above Schedule) shall if made in subsidiary coin be subject to an additional charge of 15 per cent.	

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Almonds, — Bang Yan	lb.	35
Apples (California), — Kam Shan Ping Kho	"	18
" (Chico), — Tie Chun Ping Kho	"	18
" Small, — Hoi Tong	"	18
Bananas, fragrant, Canton, — San Shing Heng Chiu	lb.	18
" (brides), — Macao, — San Heng Chiu	"	18
Chestnuts, Chinese, — Fong Lat	"	18

SHARE REPORT.

COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

The Anglo-Saxon staff comprised on December 31st, 30 Europeans, 19 Chinese and other clerks, and 1 Hospital dresser. The total muster roll on December 31st, 1914, was 900, as compared with 764 on December 31st, 1913, whilst, in addition to this, a large number of Malays and Chinese are kept employed upon Contract works. Of the six wells drilling on January 1st, 1914, five have since been brought into production. During the year 1914 sixteen new wells have been commenced, all of which with two exceptions have been duly brought in as producing wells: the two exceptions are still under the driller. The total production of crude oil during the year amounts to 64,519.77 tons (compared with 23,067 tons for the year 1913) and of this 53,328.77 tons have been shipped for treatment at Refineries. At Miri the bulk of the temporary *kadjan* and *atlap* buildings have been discarded and replaced by permanent buildings. All European bungalows occupy elevated sites and the settlement viewed from the sea presents quite an attractive appearance. Offices and store buildings have been extended, as also has the machine shop; and a large smith's shop, also a saw-mill, have recently been completed. Additional storage tanks—two of 500 tons and one of 200 tons—have been completed, and a further 4,000 ton tank is in hand. The most conspicuous achievement during the past year was the carrying through of a scheme comprising the laying of over 10,000 feet of 6 in. pipeline on the sea-bottom to reach a depth of 18 feet at low water, thus enabling us to load directly into tank vessels of 2,500 tons capacity, and entirely avoiding the ponderous and dangerous necessity for towing tanker lighters over the bar at the mouth of the Miri river, and afterwards transferring cargoes so conveyed to larger vessels lying at anchor. The preliminary work in connection with sea-loading line occupied several months and involved the making of some 4,000 feet of embankment through swamp land on which to lay running-ways to carry the relays of pipe when connected up in readiness for hauling out to sea. The final stage—that of hauling the line out to sea was undertaken in September, Capt. H. Westers the Anglo-Saxon Marine Superintendent for Singapore, coming over to assist in this. The first vessel to load direct from the sea line, after completion was the M. V. Valcaucas, which loading was carried out on September 1. Our total imports of plant, machinery, etc. during the year amount to about 3,700 tons. In the Sea field no success has resulted in our drilling well No. 1, but preparations for drilling a second well are in hand.

To-day's		Number of Shares	Par Value	Paid Up	1914.		1914.		1915.		1915.		Dividend and Date
Stock.	Closing Prices				Highest	Lowest	Highest 25th Feb. to now	Lowest 25th Feb. to now					
Banks.													
H'kong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	\$800 b. { 271	12,000	\$125	all	855	July	700	Oct.	800	800	{ 22.3/- & 5/- bonus at ex 1/10/14 equal to \$27.27 for 14 year ending 31/12/14 }		
Marine Insurances.													
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	356 b.	10,000	\$50	all	350	Dec.	305	Oct.	356	355	{ Final of \$3 a/c 1912. Interim of \$18 a/c 1913. }		
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	1160 b.	10,000	\$15	5	145	May	133	Jan.	160	160	{ Final of 10 p.c. making 20 p.c. for 1912 }		
Union Ins. Society of C'ien, Ltd.	\$830	2,400	\$250	100	847 1/2	April	700	Oct.	\$830	\$830	{ Final of \$20 making \$50 for 1912 and Interim of \$30 for 1913 }		
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	\$230 b.	12,000	\$100	60	20	April	192 1/2	Jan.	230	235	{ Final of \$12 mak. \$15 for 1912 & Int. of \$3 for 1913 }		
Fire Insurances.													
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$150 a.	25,000	\$100	30	160	July	140	Oct.	150	150	{ \$10 for 1912 }		
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$395 b.	8,000	\$250	50	395	Feb.	368	April	395	395	{ \$27 for 1912 }		
Shipping.													
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	\$46 1/2 b.	30,000	\$25	all	10	Jan.	5 1/2	Dec.	6 1/2	6 1/2	{ \$1 for 1906 }		
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$29 a.	20,000	\$50	all	36	Mar.	27 1/2	Nov.	29	29	{ \$3 for year ending 30/6/14 }		
Hongkong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd.	\$24 a.	\$8,000	\$15	all	29 1/2	Jan.	23	Dec.	24	24	{ Final of 40 cts. making 80 cts. for year ending 31/12/14 }		
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	\$76 b.	{ 60,000 £5 }		all	79	Jan.	50	Sept.	76	75	{ Final of 3% making 6% on preferred shares & 5% on deferred shares for year 1913 }		
Shanghai Port & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$87 1/2	\$797,610	£1	all	106 1/2	Feb.	70 1/2	Sept.	\$76 1/2	\$76 1/2	{ Interim of 1/2 a/c 1914 C.No.23 }		
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	\$37 a.	40,000	\$10	all	49	Mar.	40	Nov.	37	37	{ \$1.70 per share and bonus of 30 cents per share for year ending 30/4/14 }		
Refineries.													
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$111 b.	20,000	\$100	all	96 1/2	Feb.	70	Nov.	111	109	{ \$3 for 1912 }		
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$19 b.	7,000	\$100	all	81	Jan.	17	Dec.	19	19	{ \$3 for 1897 }		
Mining.													
Kailan Mining Administration	\$2/- a.	1,000,000	£1	all	41/-	Feb.	33 1/2	Dec.	32/-	32/-	{ Final of 5 % Coupon No. 4 making 10 % for year ending 30/6/14 }		
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	\$31 1/2 a.	200,000	£1	all	310	Jan.	190	Nov.	31	31 1/2	{ 1/2 for 1909 }		
Trench Mines Ltd.	\$25 1/2 a.	160,000	£1	all	39/-	Feb.	19 1/2	Nov.	25 1/2	25 1/2	{ 1/- mak. 7/6 a/c 1913 }		
Docks, Wharves and Godowns &c.													
Hongkong & K.W. & C. Co., Ltd.	\$40 b.	80,000	\$50	all	89	Jan.	73	Nov.	69	69	{ \$3.50 for year 1913 }		
H'kong & W'poo D. Co., Ltd.	\$57 b.	50,000	\$50	all	77	Jan.	53	Oct.	57	57	{ \$3 dividend for year 1913 }		
Shanghai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	\$52 b.	\$5,700	£100	all	60	July	50	Dec.	52	52	{ Tls. 5 for 1913 }		
Shanghai & H'kew W. Co., Ltd.	\$92 1/2 b.	68,000	£100	all	109	Jan.	82 1/2	Dec.	92 1/2	92 1/2	{ Interim of Tls 3 for 1913 }		
Land, Hotels and Buildings.													
Anglo French Lands	\$94	25,000	£100	100					94	94	{ Tls. 6 on 29.2.10 }		
H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd.	\$120 sa.	12,000	\$50	50	128	July	120	Dec.	124	120	{ \$2.50 for half year ending 31/12/14 }		
H'kong Land Investment Co.	\$110	50,000	\$100	all	117 1/2	July	98	Nov.	110	110	{ \$5 for year ending 31/12/14 }		
H'phreys Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	\$6 1/2	150,000	\$10	all	94	Jan.	7	Nov.	6 1/2	6 1/2	{ 45 cents for year 1914 }		
K'ien Land & Building Co., Ltd.	\$41	60,000	\$50	20	45 1/2	Jan.	44	Feb.	41	41	{ \$3 for 1914 }		
Shanghai Lands	\$101	78,000	£50	all	98	Dec.	89	Oct.	101	101	{ Interim of 5 p.c. for year end's 30.6.13 }		
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$68 1/2	12,500	\$50	all	73	June	66	Feb.	68 1/2	68 1/2	{ \$2.25 for half year ending 31.12.14 }		
H'kong Central Estates	\$95.	10,000	\$100	all					95	95	{ \$4.09 for 7 months ending 31.12.14 }		
Cotton Mills.													
Ewe Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	t.136 b.	20,000	£50	all	138	July	125	May	136	134	{ Tls. 12 for 3 year ending 31/10/14 }		
Hongkong Cotton Co.	\$56 1/2 b.	125,000	\$10	all	84	Mar.	7	June	56 1/2	64 1/2	{ 50 cents 31/7/08 }		
Kung Yik	\$12 b.	75,000	£10	all	144	Jan.	11	Mar.	12	12	{ Tls. 1.20 for year ending 20/11/14 }		
Laou Kung Mow	\$86 b.	8,000	£100	all	110	Feb.	70	May	86	84	{ Tls. 12 for 1913 }		
Shanghai Cottons	t.69 b.	40,000	£50	all	135	Feb.	70	Nov.	89 1/2	89	{ Tls. 10 for year ending 30/6/13 }		
Miscellaneous.													
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	\$11 a.	60,000	\$10	all	12	May	10	Dec.	11	11	{ \$1.20 for 1913 }		
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	{ \$4 a.	50,000	\$5	all	4.90	July	4	April	4	4	{ 6% for year ending 28.2.06 }		
Do. (Spec. shares)	b.	50,000	\$1	all							{ 70 cts. for 1914. }		
China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	\$74 b.	200,000	\$10	all	9	Jan.	7	Nov.	74	74	{ \$1.50 for year ending 31/7/14 }		
Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	\$35 a.	40,000	£1	6	39	June	35	Aug.	35	35	{ 40 cts. for 1911. }		
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	\$5.40 b.	400,000	\$10	all	6.90	Jan.	5	Dec.	5.40	5.40	{ \$1.80 per share for 1913 }		
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$42 b.	90,000	\$10	all	49	Jan.	36	Nov.	42	42	{ Interim of \$2 1/2 a/c 1914 }		
Hongkong Ice Company, Ltd.	\$190 b.	5,000	\$25	all	217 1/2	July	174	Dec.	190	190	{ \$2 for 1913 }		
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	\$26 b.	60,000	\$10	all	25	June	22	Apr.	26	26	{ Final div. of 6d. making 7d. per share for 1913 }		
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	5.20 sa.	325,000	\$1	all	13 1/2	July	7 1/2	Feb.	5.20	5.20	{ Interim of T. 1 making T. 2 a/c 1913 }		
Langkats	t.38 1/2	250,000	£10	all	64 1/2	Mar.	28	Dec.	40	38 1/2	{ 80 cts. on fully paid shares and 8 cts. on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.14 }		
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	\$10	25,000	\$10	all	10 1/2	Jan.	9 1/2	June	10	10	{ None }		
Do (New)	\$1	50,000	\$10	\$1	93	Jan.	75	cts. Dec.	\$1	\$1	{ \$1.50 for 1910. }		
Philippine L.	\$5	75,000	\$10	all	10				5	5	{ None }		
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	\$6										{ None }		
Société des Pulpes et Papier-teries du Tonkin	\$20 a.	13,200	\$50	all					20	20	{ 35 cts. for year ending 31/5/14 }		
Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	\$4 a.	20,000	\$5	all	5.00	June	4	Nov.	4	4	{ \$1.00, per share for year ending 31.12.1914 }		
Union Water-heat Co., Ltd.	\$17 a.	50,000	\$10	all	22 1/2	Feb.	17	Jan.	17	17	{ 70 cts. for 1913 }		
Watson and Co., Ltd.	\$7 a.	90,000	\$10	all	8 1/2	April	6.90	Dec.	7	7	{ 50 cts. on old shares and 25 cts. on new year shares for year ending 30.6.14 }		
William Powell, Limited.	\$6 1/2 a.	2,1000	\$7	all	9 1/2	Jan.	6 1/2	Dec.	6 1/2	6 1/2	{ \$1. Interim a/c year 31.8.14 }		
S. C. Morning Post	\$29 b.	{ 6,000 \$25 }		all	30	June	92	Dec.	29	29	{ }		

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B. OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

	Dec. 19
Malwa, New	\$9.025 per p
Malwa, Old	9.125 "
Patna, New	9.825 percho
Patna, Old	9.200 "
Benares, New	9.050 "
Benares, Old	8.825 "

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SOISSONS BATTLE.

Immortal French Bravery.

The Daily Mail's special correspondent, Mr. George O. Curzon, sends from Paris the following description of the deadly struggle at Soissons, when the French, after capturing Hill 132, were forced to evacuate it in face of great German reinforcements.

Soissons is sixty miles by straight road from Paris. Hence the almost poignant interest which Paris is taking in every scrap of news from the seat of the Kaiser's latest display.

Fresh details supplied by men who fought in the little valleys of Chivres and Crouy, northwards from the Aisne, give a living idea of the slaughter and the courage of both sides which enabled the Germans to carry so many points of the attack and yet has left the French in possession of the valley which is the gateway to the town of Soissons.

This gateway is a mile in width from the glass works on the road to Chaulnes to the little hamlet of St. Paul, on the Aisne. It joins two ends of a horse-shoe at the head of which Soissons lies. On this line the way of victorious Germans broke itself in vain last Thursday, and still vainly the grey flood is beating against this weir of human bodies.

Reconstructing the progress of events, it is now clear that the attack upon Hill 132 was supported by a secondary attack on the plateau of Yregny, by way of the valley of Chivres. The failure of this turning movement and the subsequent capture of Missy and Bucy-le-Long enabled the German troops to sweep down upon Crouy and compel the evacuation of the trenches on the slopes of the famous spur.

A wounded officer tells me that the valley of Chivres during the French attack was transformed into a veritable hell by the rain of shells from the heights above.

Having occupied the heights for four months, the German gunners had the range of every bit of cover and were prodigal in the use of big shells. No troops could live through such a valley of death. When the movement developed westwards towards Crouy, the French troops, onched amid the ruins of that village became suddenly aware that a new enemy had to be faced. The Germans broke the dam across the Jossienne, a tiny tributary of the Aisne, and the water filled their trenches. As soon as they issued from these they met the fire of fresh troops advancing along the valley from Bucy-le-Long, and a further stand at Crouy became impossible.

A general retirement followed to the line of the glass works on the one side and the hamlet of St. Paul on the other. The fight at the glass works was epic. It is a solidly constructed stone building admirably adapted for a stern defence. Loopholes were knocked in the walls, six machine guns were so posted that they swept the road from Vanrot and Cuffies on the one side and the fields leading to Crouy on the other. Desperate men, crouching behind the stone walls and in hastily-made trenches, determined to die where they lay rather than allow the retreat of their comrades to be cut off. Behind and to the right were the two main roads

from the north converging upon the old bridge of Soissons.

Upon their resistance hung the fate of the whole brigade and thousands of tired and wounded men. They knew that guns had been lost and that only a desperate stand would save the others.

They fought to the last cartridge against the hordes which advanced right up to the muzzles of their guns and the barrels of their rifles. So near did the enemy approach that above the noise of the battle the Germans could be heard crying, "Comrades, surrender, and we will spare your lives." Reserve ammunition for the machine guns, brought up by corporals who fell dead behind the factory walls with their burdens, enabled this heroic band to hold good to the end of the day.

Similar scenes were being enacted among the houses and the old abbey mansion of Mme. Marcherez, a mile away to the right, and all the space between was filled with men dying in the attack and defence of ditches and hedges.

Thus ended the third stage of the battle of Soissons, which began with the French attack on Hill 132. The French repulse in the Chivres Valley, and concluded with the French still holding the gateway to Soissons and the road to Paris. Commencing with an advance of a mile on our side, it has resulted in the loss of a mile and a quarter along a front of four miles. Both sides have lost valuable men, but once more there can be no doubt that the German losses in this respect have been infinitely greater than our own. "They were killed like flies."

Manchester Goods.

Messrs. James F. Hutton and Co., Ltd., report, under date of Jan. 29, as follows:—Live-pool Cotton: Mid-American: Spot 28th inst. 4.95d., last week 5.13d., ditto, current month, 28th inst. 4.70d., last week 4.95d.; F.G.F. Egyptian, spot, 5.50d.; last week 5.50d. New York cotton: Spot, 27th inst. 5.85d., last week 5.80d.

The market continues the firmness shown during the past few weeks, and there has not been much change in values since last week. The future of prices is very uncertain, and one can only wait developments from day to day. India has sent forward many offers for all descriptions of goods, both greys and fancies, but not much business has been done except in useless telegraphing. The markets abroad have not realised the colour difficulty on this side. The cheaper red dyeing materials are unobtainable, and all-round colours are difficult to obtain even at prices several times above the usual cost. China is doing very little; the Straits markets are quiet; but more is going through Egypt, and taking it all round the home trade is doing fairly well.

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3. Shipmasters are not allowed to place or export on board their vessels letter boxes for the purpose of collecting correspondence: all such boxes found exposed on board their vessels will be removed and returned to the General Post Office.
4. Shipping Companies must not receive from the Public for inclusion in their ships' Papers any but bona fide consignees' letters which should be left open or inspection when required.
5. Shipping Companies should state in their notifications to the Post Office the exact hour of departure of their vessels in order that the public may have every facility for posting at the General Post Office.
6. Shipping Companies and Ships' Officers must send to the Post Office ALL correspondence posted in the Ships' Letter Boxes or received by Ships' Officers at the ports from which they sailed, or anywhere en route to Hongkong.

Wanted.

A branch Post Office has been opened at Queen's Road East (next to the Sanitary Department's Office). The Office will be open for the transaction of public business from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Sundays, and Holidays from 8 to 9 a.m.

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The services to Germany, Austria, and their Colonies, and to the Ottoman Empire are suspended as are the Parcel Post services to France & Tientsin.

The Public are informed that Gold and Silver in Coin or Bullion & Paper Money cannot be accepted for transmission through the Post without a permit issued by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports.

British Postal Orders are now on sale at the Sai Yung Poon Branch Post Office.

The Chibbi, with the American Mail ex Siberia, is scheduled to arrive here on the 6th inst.

The Hongkong, with the Mail from Europe, is scheduled to arrive here on Sunday, the 7th inst.

MAILS DUE.

American, Chibbi, 6th March.
European, Hongkong, 7th March.

MAILS CLOSE TO-MORROW.

Holbow & Halphong—For HONGKONG, 4th inst. 10 a.m.
Japan via Yokohama—For KUTSANG, 4th Mar. 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Moji, Victoria, B.C. and Seattle, and United Kingdom via Canada, Europe via Siberia—For SHIDZUOKA, 4th Mar. 11 a.m.

(Tientsin-Pukow Service Shanghai Br. P. O. Monday, the 8th March.)
Shanghai & N. China—Per ANHUI, 4th Mar. 3 p.m.

Hongkong—Per TUNGSHING, 4th inst. 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, 5th March.

Halphong—SINGAN, 5th Mar. 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAITAN, 5th Mar. noon.
Shanghai & North China—Per LINAN, 5th Mar. 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, 6th March.

Straits, India via Calcutta—Per KUM-SANG, 6th inst. 11 a.m.
Philippine Islands—Per YUENSANG, 6th Mar. 2 p.m.
Batavia, Samarang & Sourabaya—Per TUMANOR, 6th inst. 3 p.m.

Shanghai and North China (Europe via Siberia) Per LANGHONG, 6th inst. 4 p.m.
(Tientsin-Pukow Service Shanghai Br. P. O. Thursday, 11th March.)

FRIDAY, 12th March.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand via Port Darwin and New Guinea via Thursday Island—Per ST. ALBANS, 12th March, 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAITAN, 12th Mar. noon.

TUESDAY, 16th March.

Philippine Islands—Per TAMING, 16th Mar. 3 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, 7th April.
Philippine Islands, Australia, New Zealand via Port Darwin and New Guinea via Thursday Island—Per CHANGSHA, 17th March, 11 a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Haitan, Br. ss. 1,183, J. W. Evans, 3rd inst.—Swatow, 2nd inst. Gen.—D. L. & Co.
Chungking, Br. ss. 1,311, Rees Lewis, 3rd inst.—Bangkok, 2nd inst. Gen.—K. & S.
Deucalion, Br. ss. 4,470, R. J. Woodgett, 3rd inst.—Yokohama, Gen.—B. & S.
Uncon, Br. ss. 2,897, P. Stewart, 2nd inst.—San Francisco, 31st Jan., Fuel oil—S. O. Co.
Tahoe, Br. ss. 4,055, P. R. McKay, 2nd inst.—San Francisco, 31st Jan., Petroleum—S. O. Co.
Dajin Maru, Jap. ss. 900, Umakami, 3rd inst.—Swatow, 2nd inst. Gen.—O. & S.
Kashing, Br. 1,143, Byers, 3rd inst.—Canton, Gen.—B. & S.
Kamor, Norw. ss. 949, Muns. 3rd inst.—Yokohama, Gen.—Yokohama.
Nishio Maru, Jap. ss. 917, Nakano, 3rd inst.—Kobe, Japan—Yokohama.
Singan, Br. ss. 1,955, H. Trowbridge, 3rd inst.—Hobson, 2nd inst. Gen.—B. & S.
Tikini, Dut. ss. 2,881, W. H. Lap, 3rd inst.—Sourabaya, Sugar—J. O. J. L.

DEPARTED.

March 2.
Teau for Hoilo via Manila
Hutchow for Tientsin
Sushu Maru for Amoy via Swatow
Kujo Maru for Foochow via Swatow
Wada Maru for Kobe
Hanching for Foochow via Swatow
Lunan for Canton
Kamor for Swatow via Moji
Kwangang for Canton

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

March 2.
Loksang for Haiphong
Laining for Calcutta via Singapore
Taitan for Canton
Phenous for Yokohama via Shanghai
Nishio Maru for Canton

March 3.
Standard for Bangkok via Swatow
Americas for K. O. Wan
Haitan for Swatow
Talyo Maru for Dairen via Tientsin
Kamor for Hongkong
Varg for Haiphong

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Pers. Chungking from Bangkok—Mr Woodall.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Pers. Persia for San Francisco etc. on 2nd inst.—Miss A. Ashwell, J. B. Brown, Mr. & Mrs. J. Donnan, Rev. O. C. Underhill, A. M. McClure, Bishop, Rev. W. W. E. Evans, Lam Hook-fu, Lam Pook-hong, Mrs. O. K. Jacques, A. Carpi, W. W. Payne, H. L. Shambarger, Mrs. Delmar, J. M. Aaron, Geo. H. H. Young, A. G. Enriquez, E. M. Shroy, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wells, Mrs. Lam Mo, Wong Yiu Shu, Geo. Leslie, R. Gonzalez, Miss I. Schills, H. G. Madux, Miss I. Delmar, M. H. Kenyon-Shado.

SUNDAY, 7th March.

Swatow, Amoy & Tamsui—Per DAIJIN, 7th inst. 9 a.m.
Swatow—Per HAIMUN, 7th inst. 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 8th March.

Shanghai & North China—Per KWONG-SANG, 8th inst. 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, 9th March.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAIYING, 9th Mar. noon.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, United States, B. America & Canada via San Francisco & United Kingdom via Canada (Europe via Siberia)—Per KOREA, 9th inst. noon.

(Tientsin-Pukow Service Shanghai Br. P. O. Friday, 12th inst.)
Philippine Islands—Per CHINHUA, 9th Mar. 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 10th March.

Japan via Moji, Honolulu, Hilo, Los Angeles, Manzanillo, Sullana, Cruz, Panama, Callao, Arica, Iquique, Valparaiso and Coronel—Per ARYO MARU, 10th inst. 11 a.m.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 3rd at noon—No returns from Japan stations.
Pressure has increased quickly over Manchuria and decreased considerably over North China. Slight to moderate decreases have also occurred over the east and south coasts of China and over Formosa.

A weak anticyclone which covered S. China yesterday has moved eastward and is probably situated to the South of Japan this morning. A depression is situated to the N.W. of Shanghai.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood	E. & S.E. winds, moderate to light; fair to cloudy.
2 Formosa Channel	The same as No. 1.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

3rd Mar. a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
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Wootook	7a	29.91	9	10	0	0		
Nagasaki	7a							
Kobe	7a							
Kyushu	7a							
Kagoshima	7a							
Oshima	7a							
Naha	7a							
Shimonoseki	7a							
Beimin Is.	7a							
Chafu	7a							
Waiwai	7a	29.78	37	81	sw	5	bm	
Hankow	7a							
Ichang	7a							
Kiukiang	7a	30.01	49	78	ne	1	o	
Shanghai	7a	30.05	54	67				0 or
Shanghai	7a	30.04	54	67				2 b
Guttsu	7a	30.03	48					5 om
Sharp P.	7a							
Amoy	7a	30.06	57	69	w	1	o	
Swatow	7a	30.11	57	69	nno	1	b	
Taihou	7a	30.07	59	85	nw	2	b	
Taihu	7a	30.10	57					2 b
Koshu	7a	30.08	70					nw 2 b
Edoras	7a	30.07	64					2 b
Canton	7a	30.05	62	83	so	1	o	
H'kong	7a	30.06	63	63	o	4	o	
Gap Root	7a	30.04						4 o
Macao	7a	30.01	65	86	ese	1	o	
Wuchow	7a							
Fakhoi	7a							
Holhow	7a							
Phullen	7a	30.04	61	99	ene	2	of	
Tourane	7a							
C. St. J.	7a							
Aparr	7a	29.97	70	88				0 o
Nagapan	7a	29.99	70	92				0 b
Manila	7a	29.92	75	79	n	3	b	
Legaspi	7a	29.93	72	98	se	3	b	
Taloban	7a	30.02	92	60	o	1	b	
Iloilo	7a	29.97	79	84	no	1	o	
Surigao	7a	29.95	73	94				0 o
Labuan	7a							

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Hongkong Observatory, Mar. 3.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q equally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day.	On date On date at 5 a.m. at 8 a.m. at 11 a.m.
Barometer	30.03 30.06 30.05
Temperature	69 63 67
Humidity	52 63 69
Wind Direction	ENE E E
Force	3 4 4
Weather	o o o
Rain	o o o
Highest temp. of day	70 70 70
Lowest " "	62 62 62

H.E. Observatory, 3rd March.

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TIDE TABLE.

1st Mar. to 7th Mar. 1915.

Day.	High Water.	Low Water.	High Water.	Low Water.
Time.	Time.	Time.	Time.	Time.
Mon.	10 15	4 15	10 15	4 15
Tues.	10 15	4 15	10 15	4 15
Wed.	10 15	4 15	10 15	4 15
Thur.	10 15	4 15	10 15	4 15
Fri.	10 15	4 15	10 15	4 15
Sat.	10 15	4 15	10 15	4 15
Sun.	10 15	4 15	10 15	4 15

m morning, o afternoon.

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